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# TUNISIA FEAR OF ATTACK BY AIR

(From A Neutral Correspondent)

I HAVE JUST MADE A MOTOR TRIP TO BIZERTA FROM TUNIS, AND ALONG THE COAST TO PORTO FARINA AND CAPE BON. THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS ALONG THE COAST. THE MEN IN COMMAND THERE WERE AS COOL AS GEN. WEYGAND SEEMED TO BE IN HIS BROADCAST.

Bizerta is 60 miles from Tunis. To get a car a requisition is needed, for petrol is so scarce that, save for a dozen official cars, there is no transportation except by tram and horse-cab.

Those 60 miles are through rolling, reddish land. My French chauffeur remarked to me: "What will happen to the Italians if ever Tunis is bombed? They are already almost afraid to go to the Arab markets. It is a funny thing, but the Arabs think of the Italians as already licked, not us. Maybe we aren't licked."

But I found myself wondering what Goering's parachutists could do in these miles of open country. Then we dipped down towards the lake of Bizerta, copper and blue in the late afternoon sun.

## Another Gibraltar

It is the mid-Mediterranean Gibraltar, and perhaps it is more formidable by standards of modern warfare, since it has a sea and land plane base as well as a naval base.

Eight miles of harbour run in from the sea, and a guide-book says that all the navies of the world could anchor here. At the moment all that lies here is a flotilla of rose flamingoes. At Ferryville arsenal, where the greatest warship can be accommodated, there is an ancient gunboat.

At Bizerta itself, which lies along the canal that joins the lake and the Mediterranean there are three destroyers. At the base Si Ahmed hangars are all closed.

What matters is how quickly the dismantled coastal artillery, not to mention planes and anti-aircraft guns, could be put back into service, and how quickly the French Fleet could get here from Toulon.

Everybody knows the fleet can cross in 19 hours. The point is whether orders to sail would be given in time.

## Threat From Sicily

Opinions vary as to the strength of the German concentration in Sicily. There is agreement on 3,000 or 4,000 men to attend to Nazi planes. Estimates of the aircraft vary from 200 to 1,000 and of German troops from 10,000 to 100,000.

On the number of French aircraft in condition, people in North Africa generally agree on 400. On the number supposedly out of commission no one agrees, any more than they agree on the number of pilots and Army and Navy officers who have trickled down in recent weeks from France.

Military authorities here grant that Italian convoys to Tripoli are hard pressed. The Italians dash from Sicily to French territorial waters at night and hug the coast. This has not prevented accidents, as shown recently by debris, some of it ghastly, cast up on beaches from Cape Bon to Sfax.

Because of shoals around Kerkenah Islands, off Sfax, convoys have to head out to sea, and it so happens that that is the point of the Tunisian coast nearest to Malta. It is seven hours by motor-boat.

It is the general opinion here that most aerial attacks on British convoys come from Sicily, as the airfield at Pantelleria, the island between Sicily and Tunis, is sup-

posed to allow only two planes to take off at a time.

## Fear Of Air Attack

What fears are felt here are less of attack by sea in which the Italian Fleet would supposedly have to face the French, but of swift aerial offensive against forts and landing fields, particularly the field inland at Gafsa, where an Italian air commission is based. There is also a landing field at El Aquina.

On this field recently there suddenly landed six Stuka bombers, with two officers and 10 men. They said that they had lost themselves on their way from Naples to Sicily, overshot their mark as a result of a tall wind, and finally hit the African coast.

The French commander informed them that they were interned, a fate they accepted philosophically. But later, by orders from Vichy, they were refuelled and allowed to depart.

Before leaving the German fliers quarrelled with the Italians, and to the French they noisily expressed contempt for their ally. The pilot and radio operator of a British bomber shot down over Ferryville are still interned, with 10 other British airmen.

## WOMAN WATCHER SHELTERED

A woman fire-watcher, on duty when a fire-bomb fell, went to a public shelter 25yds. away. It was said at Bow Street when Debenham, Storr and Sons, auctioneers, of King Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., were fined £2, with three guineas costs, for failing to secure a watch "at all times."

The magistrate said many women had turned out to be admirable fire-watchers. This was an exceptional case.

## THE AIRMAN HERO

# THROUGH FIRE--SAVED CHILD

HERE IS A STORY of dauntless heroism and of an almost incredible rescue. It is the story of Aircraftman Horace Dews, who struggled head foremost through an inferno of heat and smoke, writhing painfully down a hole partly stopped by a dead body and brought out to safely a little girl and a woman trapped under the ruins of a bombed and blazing building.

Aircraftman Dews, whose home is at Pontefract, Yorkshire, has been awarded the George Medal.

During a heavy air raid, says the official account, an A.F.S. crew were endeavouring to release a woman and child pinned against the basement wall of a demolished building by an iron girder.

Fire was raging, and the whole building had collapsed upon the basement, leaving no exit for the woman and child.

Aircraftman Dews dug away with his hands at the rubble.

Heat and smoke were growing yet more intense. He forced his way head foremost into the hole, but had to draw back several times owing to the heat.

This was overcome by playing a hose on him as he struggled through the hole, reached the

## "GUNNED" BY ONE OF OURS!

A string of machine-guns accidentally discharged from a low-flying British plane, sprayed part of a main road, pierced the roof of two houses, and slightly injured three women walking together in the street of a North-Western town.

An invalid woman standing in her bedroom had a narrow escape when several of the bullets, after penetrating the roof, thudded into the wardrobe. Although alarmed, she was unhurt.

## AN ARCTIC LIBRARY

British soldiers are stationed in strange and lonely places — often doing jobs which are important but rather monotonous.

Iceland is one of these outposts, where through the long Arctic days and nights men keep watch for enemy ships and planes.

The radio is the closest link they have with Britain — any other news may be weeks old before it arrives by steamer across the dangerous North Sea.

A little while ago a crate of books was sent to the Iceland unit.

The men wrote back, "Some of us who had been in Norway were sent to Iceland after only a short spell in England, so you can imagine how we are longing to be back in the middle of the fight. Your books are more than appreciated, and we thank you a thousand times."

child, and crawled back with her in his arms.

Dews then freed the woman, who was pulled out of the hole just before the fire reached the spot where she had been trapped.

Aircraftman Dews was born in 1918 at Ossett, Yorkshire. He started work as a milkround boy, was a bus conductor in Wakefield, and joined the R.A.F. last March.

A regular passenger on his bus was the eldest daughter of a Durston miner named Gill who worked at Pontefract. Dews married her last July.

When home on leave, he mentioned that he answered a call for volunteers for rescue work recently, but only added that he helped to get some people out of a shelter which had been hit.

**CHINA MAIL**  
WINDSOR HOUSE

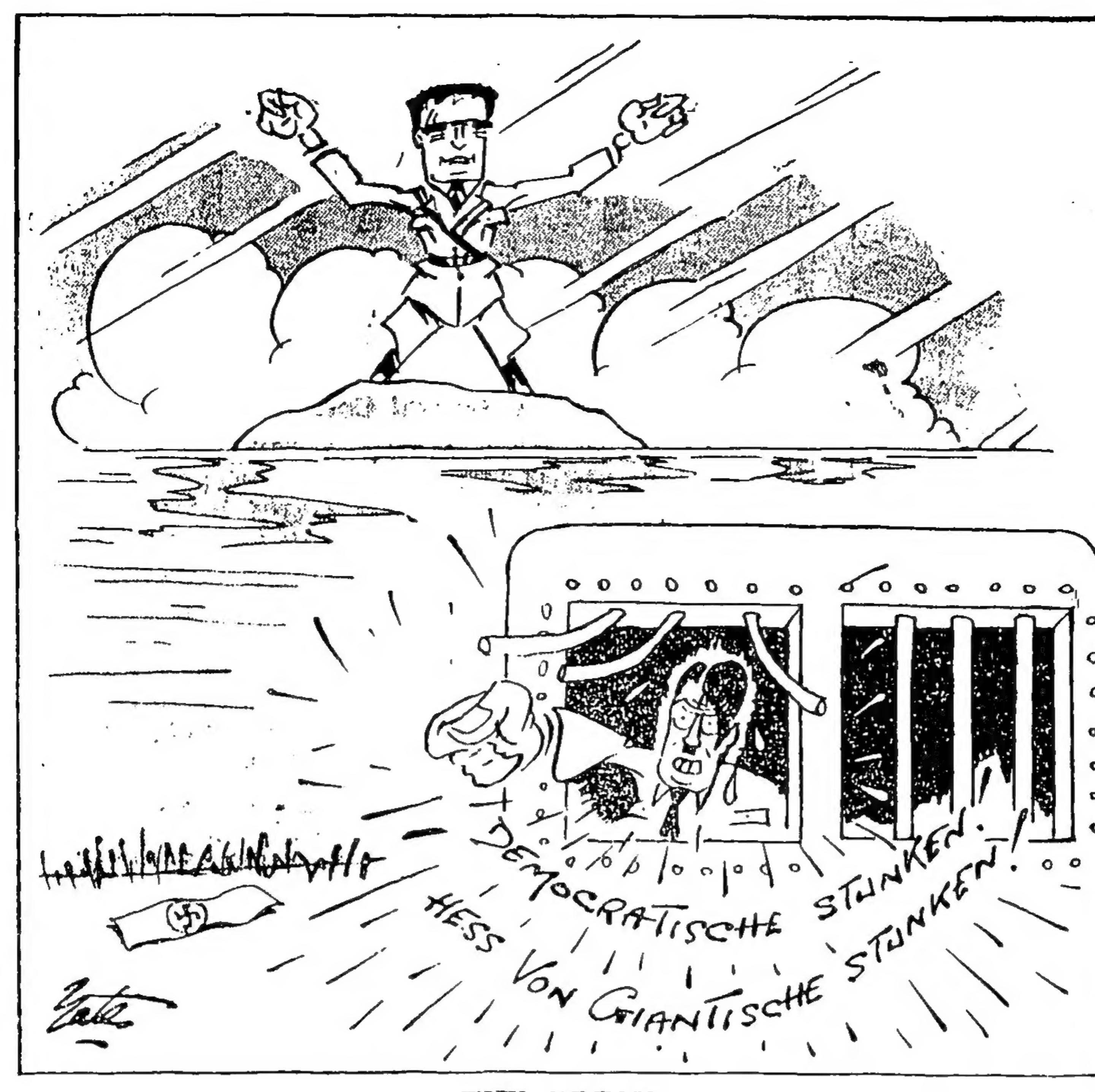
## THE AMAZING TALE OF RUDOLF HESS.

The sensational desertion of Rudolf Hess, No. 3 in the Nazi hierarchy, first in succession to the Fuehrerdom after the gargantuan Goering, comes as so breathtaking a surprise as to leave nothing but complete bewilderment as to its underlying significance. The German version of this remarkable event can be taken for what it is worth. Truthful Joe, with his customary tireless efficiency, reached the ether quickest and sought to explain the lapse with the admission that, "sad to relate," a well-trained Nazi chieftain, long hardened in the school of villainy and chicane, had proved the victim of mental disorders and hallucinations, and had soared into the skies intending suicide.

If Herr Hess, at any time in the tortures of making his decision, was contemplating suicide, he was curiously careful to take a parachute with him, and sufficiently composed to use it at the appropriate moment.

Moreover, the German fairy-tale factory, while making much of the note he left behind him to justify accusations against the mental stability of Rudolf Hess, wisely omitted to provide quotations from the farewell document. True, it may not have been polite about Hitler. It is not difficult to conceive for that matter, that an honest and bitter indictment of the Nazi terror in Europe, a gloomy prediction of the catastrophe towards which Hitler is leading Germany, would be instantly classified by Hess's astounded ex-colleagues as clear evidence of mental aberration. That to free peoples, outside the grip of Nazi mumbo-jumbo, it could be interpreted as the first sign of sanity would certainly never occur to them.

It is an interesting fact in itself, also, that the immediate instinct of a Nazi wrenching himself free from claustrophobic confinement, seeking clean air instead of the dark cavern of Hitlerian philosophy in action, should be to make for Britain. Apparently even in a German mind, impregnated by close contact for years with the most malevolent mentality in Europe, the vision of Britain as a safe refuge, as the bastion of liberty, the home of freedom, of



THE BREAK

# Torpedo Pilots Of The Navy

By  
**John Cashel**

Come aboard H.M.S. Somewhere in Britain, a school shore station.

The young man we are watching, aged somewhere between eighteen and twenty-four, already has airmen's wings. He has qualified as a pilot before he joined the School.

Here, he graduates as a specialist torpedo pilot and he does it in five intensive stages.

First — Having flown various training aircraft he now flies the type he will use in actual torpedo operations, probably a Fairey Albacore or perhaps a Fairey Swordfish. These are the torpedo-bombers generally used by the Fleet Air Arm.

Second — Master of his machine, he does formation flying carrying a dummy torpedo slung in a steel cradle beneath the fuselage of his aircraft. He gets thoroughly used to the "feel" of that up-to-a-ton extra load.

Third — He learns team tactics — attack from all angles and by many methods. He smiles sardonically when he sometimes reads that an enemy ship zig-zagged to evade attack.

Fourth — Used to the "feel" of his dummy, he practices firing it at a target. He experiences for the first time the alarming sensation as his aircraft leaps anything from ten to forty feet upwards the moment it loses its load.

He has pressed the release button at the split-second when, after a breath-taking dive, maybe from 10,000 feet, his aircraft is on an even keel before it climbs steeply out of the hellish stream of imaginary enemy fire.

Five — Now our pilot is one of the first who have survived the

thought, still gleamed through.

What lies behind the dramatic flight, remains to be disclosed. But it is crystal clear, without that information, that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark."

eliminating tests. He begins exercises that are the last stage to the real thing, firing actual torpedoes with dummy heads at more and more difficult targets, stationary and moving.

He perfects that split-second "touch" when, at the bottom of his dive the man matters more than the machine.

No inefficient aspirant passes through the net.

Torpedoes cost money, something like £3,000 each. The F.A.A. cannot afford an avoidable miss costing, perhaps, half as much as a plane, nor the loss of a chance that has meant so much planning.

Torpedo-firing is an art as much as a science. Torpedo "sights" are not as definite as those of a bomber or gunner. Accuracy depends enormously on superb man-skill, backed by cool and unsurpassed courage in the face of armed opposition.

No torpedo pilot can find his mark without being within close sight and easy range of every weapon in the enemy's anti-aircraft armoury.

Before the split-second, his brain works at lightning speed. The precise height at which he must pull out of his dizzy dive, the speed of a moving target and its probable course of evasion, the setting of his torpedo for speed and running depth are but a few of the calculations that flash through his brain.

Time is too short for "nerves."

"Really," a pilot told me, "it's just like shooting at a running rabbit. You don't fire dead at it, but ahead."

And those baffling and confusing heights from which we are told torpedoes are released? Some say 15 feet. Some 150. Some 500.

Well, only the Fleet Air Arm knows the explanation. There are torpedoes and torpedoes.

Sometime, during the five stages at the Torpedo School, the trainee has tried landing on boards that represent the deck of an aircraft-carrier. He practises on one set placed on the runway to represent the "round-down" of a carrier, on another denoting the spot where he should touch down on the deck.

### Final Touches At Sea

Now, his fifth stage over, he leaves the School behind him, and goes aboard an aircraft-carrier for real deck-landing practice. There he becomes a fully-made torpedo pilot, ready for appointment to an operational squadron...

He was born as an airman many months before and has gone through all the stages that are necessary for every Fleet Air Arm pilot, before he arrived at the Torpedo School.

Aboard land ship, H.M.S., he lives a naval life, preparatory to his future at sea. He "comes aboard" every time he enters the station, and "goes ashore" whenever he steps out of it.

His room is a "cabin." His mess the "wardroom." He talks in terms of port and starboard, of knots instead of miles. He hears the Quartermaster pipe the daily routine over a broadcasting system of loud-speakers much like that in a ship.

He is piped up in the morning with "Heave, hol Heave, hol Lash up and stow!" (Though there are no hammocks to stow away.) He hears "Stand Easy!" for the ten-minute mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, and "Out Pipes!" for duties to be resumed. "Hands to Dinner!" for the mid-day meal.

He calls the cookhouse the galley, and lives in a hut named after an admiral. Sailor, as well as airman, is the torpedo-pilot.

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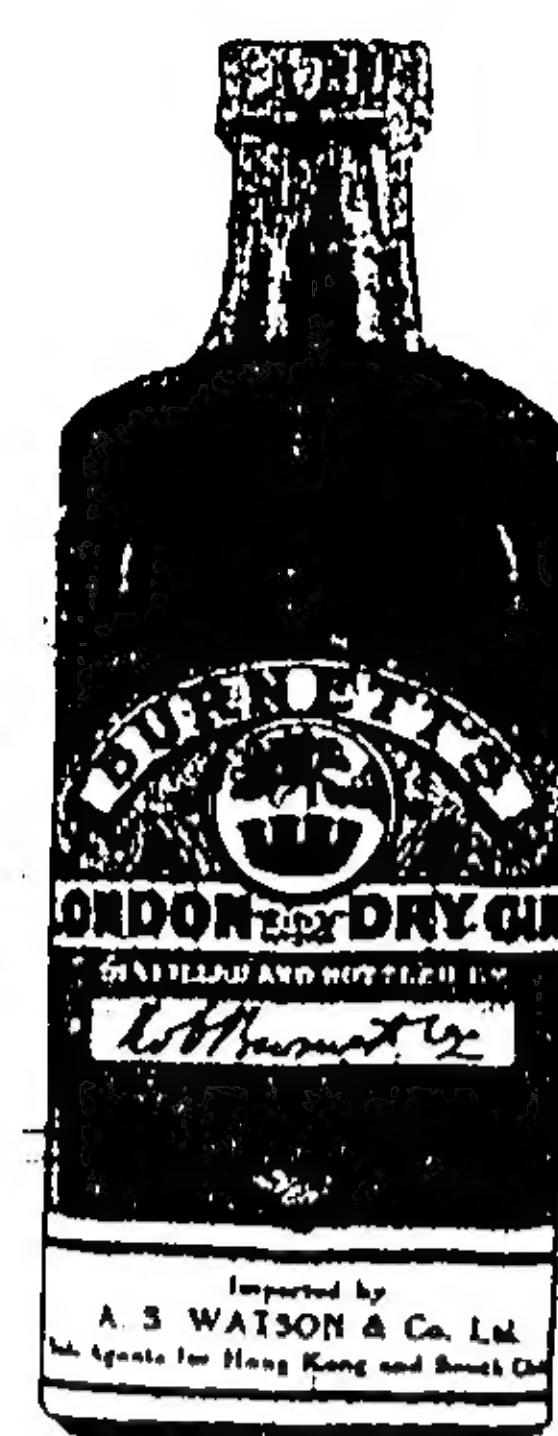
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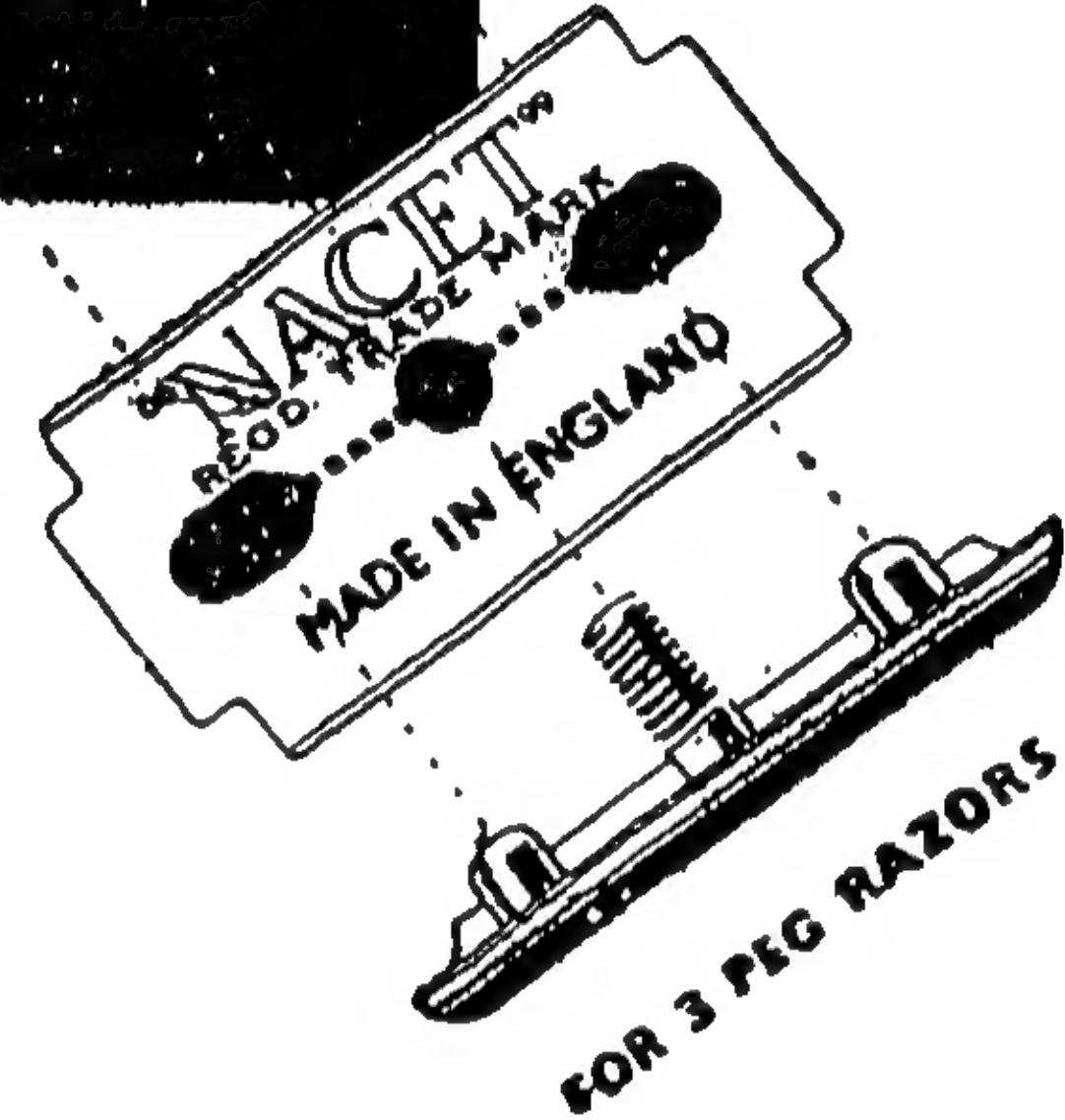
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## MERCHANT NAVY BRAVERY

## SKIPPERS WHO SAVED BLAZING SHIPS

TWO MASTERS who remained on board their blazing ships though there was danger of magazines exploding, another who brought men to safety after 14 days in a boat, and a seaman who threw high-explosive shells overboard which would have fallen into a fire.

These were among officers and men of the Merchant Navy whose bravery at sea under submarine or 'plane attacks was described in the London "Gazette," in which more awards were announced.

The master whose ship's magazine was in danger of exploding was Capt. Sinclair Begg. He becomes an O.B.E., Civil Division. The cargo was highly inflammable.

## Sent Men Away

He sent off in boats all the crew except the fire-fighting party, consisting of himself, the second and third officers, carpenter, chief steward and radio officer. After some hours the fire, though still burning, was under control. The crew were brought back, the ship taken in tow, and, with her valuable cargo, saved.

Chief Officer James Alexander Embley, who is 57, becomes an O.B.E. for his great courage and seamanship when his ship was torpedoed at midnight.

Two boats, one in charge of the captain and the other under the chief officer, ran into increasingly heavy weather. On the second night, with a damaged rudder, the chief officer had to lower sail, use oil and ride the sea.

In the morning they rigged a jury rudder, and sailed on with great difficulty for three more days before being rescued.

## 14 Days In Boat

Capt. Thomas Kippings is to be an O.B.E.

His ship was torpedoed at night in the North Atlantic, and he took command of No. 2 boat with 26 men.

In the heavy seas the boat was almost overturned; four men, thrown overboard, were rescued, but the mast, sails and several oars were lost and the boat was filled to the thwarts. She was righted and two more men were picked up.

For 14 days, often in heavy seas, exhausted and running short of water, the boat's crew sailed and rowed in spite of weakness, cold and hardship. At last they were sighted by a merchant vessel and saved.

Capt. Olaf Paulsen and Capt. Thomas Oswald Wright both become O.B.E.s.

Capt. Paulsen's ship was torpedoed at night, but he kept her afloat, and was nearing the coast when she was bombed and machine-gunned by a 'plane. The ship and an escort vessel drove off the attacker.

Capt. Wright's boat had her steering gear damaged by underwater explosion. He ordered the crew away, and with three volunteers remained on board, although with a fire raging there was danger of the magazine exploding. The ship was beached.

Capt. Francis Cecil Pretty and Chief Engineer Andrew Drummond to be O.B.E.s, Chief Steward Joseph Isaac Jesse to be a member of the Order, and George Frater, carpenter, and L. Dabner, able seaman, awarded the medal of the Civil Division.

Their vessel was struck by bombs when in convoy, the steering gear being completely destroyed and fires started.

Capt. Pretty dealt promptly and efficiently with the damage, and Mr. Drummond prevented serious consequences from a dangerous leak in the ship's side.

Mr. Jesse took charge of the wounded and gave sound first aid, while Frater helped to put out a fire in the crew's quarters.

Although badly burned and his right ankle broken, Dabner threw overboard high-explosive shells which would otherwise have fallen into the fire.

## Brought Down 'Plane

Capt. Owen Vincent Jones to be an O.B.E., and James Ryan awarded the George Medal.

## THE CHINA MAIL, MAY 14, 1941.

## RUM 'RUSH' FOR A.R.P. DUTY?

There is competition to do A.R.P. duty at Barnet. The reason: Workers are to be supplied with a rum ration during inclement weather or while working under strenuous conditions.

The A.R.P. Controller has already ordered two gallons of rum to be put into store to be issued at his discretion.

## SOVIET-- NAZI RIVALRY

A party of Roman Catholic clergy who have just reached Lisbon from Kovno, Lithuania, bring first-hand information of that country, which has been completely cut off from world news centres since the Russian annexation.

They describe the Lithuanian capital as an armed camp. Troops are everywhere. All the city's largest buildings are taken over for military purposes.

At this northern end of the Soviet-German frontier the clergy said, the two nations are facing one another with undisguised hostility. Both are rapidly completing fortifications and evacuating frontier zones. Russian officials are freely boasting of the approaching day when the Bolsheviks will overrun the defeated Reich.

Fifteen miles on the Russian side of the frontier all civilians have been evacuated. On the other side the Nazis have cleared the frontier to the depth of more than a mile. Both sides have thousands of workers employed building concrete defence works.

Travellers are told by local residents that the Germans had brought various portable defences of the Maginot Line and incorporated them in Lithuanian frontier works.

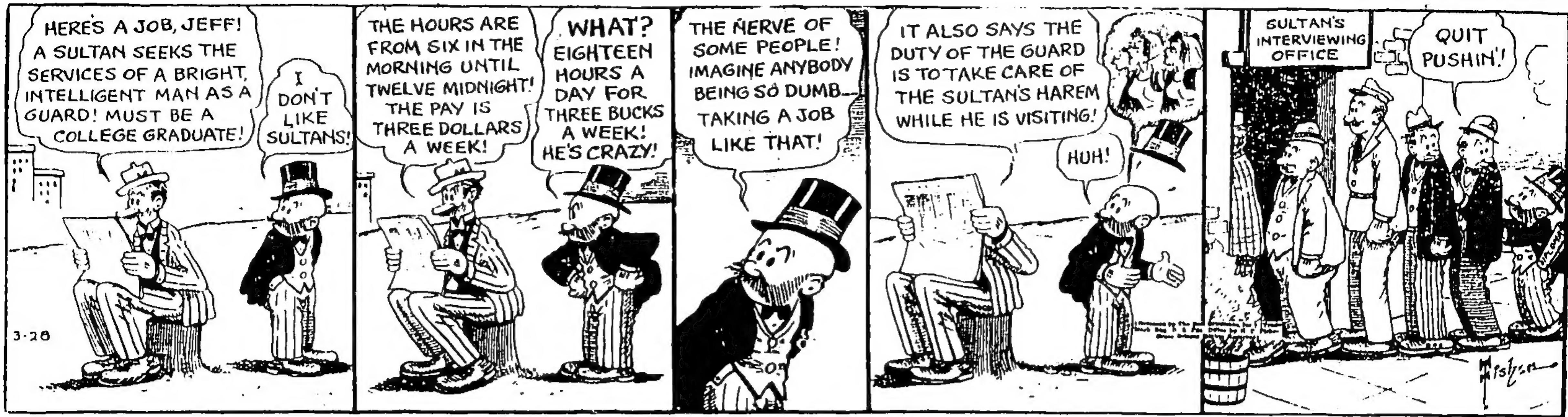
The chief of the G.P.U. in the district of Tuargi told one of these informants: "The Soviet will attack the Germans as soon as they are beaten by the British. Soon the Red Flag will be flying over Berlin. There will be revolution in Germany. Everything is already arranged."

## POLICE STATIONS DUPLICATED

Every police station in the Metropolitan area is to be duplicated as a precaution against air raid damage. Suitable buildings with space for police cars adjacent to the stations are being selected for this purpose.

Arrangements were made at the beginning of the war for alternative accommodation for the headquarters staff of the Metropolitan Police in the event of Scotland Yard becoming untenable. The location of the building has been kept secret and only a few senior officers know where it is situated.

## MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

CLEARED  
ROAD OF  
LAND MINESIndian Officer  
Refused Relief

Lying in a military hospital, suffering from split eardrums, exhaustion and shock, is a 21-year-old Indian officer, who performed what his commander described as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer, cold courage I've ever met."

He is a second lieutenant of Indian sappers, and the scene of his gallantry was the Metemmaudi Road in North-Western Assam.

When our advance began he was in charge of a party removing Italian mines from the road and its side.

In one stretch of four miles there were 14 separate minefields, with up to 300 mines in each.

## Twice Blown Up

Despite all precautions, our ears were twice blown up, and on each occasion this officer was the only survivor.

After he had been on duty continuously for 48 hours the commander saw him with a view to relieving him by a fresh officer.

BEER HELD  
UP SHIPS  
MIDWIVES  
DEFY  
BOMBS

Five thousand working hours are said to have been lost and the departure of 16 ships delayed at Liverpool docks in less than a week — all for a few pints of beer.

As a result 600 public-houses and other licensed premises on Merseyside are to try and solve the problem of avoiding a vital loss in national effort by revising their opening hours.

For the first time for five months, bars opened for half an hour longer, until 9.30 p.m., so that dockers and others could work to the last minute and then have their "good-night pint" before going home.

Following the air raids of last September, Liverpool brewers and licensees voluntarily adopted the earlier closing hour of 9 p.m.

This resulted in thousands of dockers finishing work at 9 p.m. being unable to have their usual "pint for the road."

Gradually, the men began to turn in at 6.30 — although getting paid for the additional half hour — and in one week it is computed 10,000 dockers did so, resulting in 5,000 working hours being lost and a number of ships delayed in port.

But he declined relief, declaring, "I think I've learned the Italians' system in laying mine on this road. Any relieving officer would have to learn it all over again and could not possibly do the job as efficiently as me."

Mother Tended  
In Cellar

Two midwives have been awarded the medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire for courage in attending women in childbirth during raids.

Mrs. Mary Farr, of Portsmouth, profited a mother-to-be with her own body while bombs were exploding near the house.

At one time the surrounding destruction was so great that it seemed the badly damaged house was about to collapse on nurse and patient. The baby was born during the raid.

The other midwife is Mrs. Evelyn Leaver, of Manchester. For more than 20 years she had abandoned her profession. Then, at the height of a heavy raid, came a call for a doctor and midwife. Neither could be reached, and appeal was made to Mrs. Leaver.

Though bombs were shaking the street, she answered the call without hesitation. Not far from the house where the patient was lying a gas main was ablaze.

In the house itself the hall and staircase had been wrecked and pipes fractured, so that water poured through the ceilings.

Mrs. Leaver got the patient to the cellar, where she attended her until a doctor arrived.

Among new George Medallists announced in the London "Gazette" are Miss Wendy Pauline Hollyer, A.R.P. telephonist, Croydon, and Dr. D. M. Holden, Medical Officer of Health for Croydon.

A heavy bomb completely demolished a report centre, killing three telephonists and trapping two others. While Dr. Holden gallantly treated the injured, Miss Hollyer, injured and pinned under wreckage in an adjoining room, cleared enough space on the floor to operate the telephones throughout the night.

## D.F.C. For D.S.O.

Among 19 officers to whom the award of the D.F.C. was announced in the London "Gazette" is Flg. Offr. G. L. Cheshire (102 Sqdn.), who won the D.S.O. last summer for bringing a heavily damaged bomber back from a raid.

METEOR'S HILLSIDE  
CRASH

A meteor which appeared like a bright, ghostly apparition in the sky crashed into a hill near Fiume, Italy, with a tremendous noise.

Crowds turned out to look for it, but could not find it. — Reuter.

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Alexander Leigh Henry, eighth Baron Burgh, 34, of Upper Grosvenor Street, Mayfair, was asked about jewellery and a woman when he attended Brighton Bankruptcy Court for his public examination.

Lord Burgh said he spent £1,000 on antique trinkets to take to the United States. He was asked by the Official Receiver whether he made a gift of the trinkets to a girl who, he said, was modelling them for sale.

Lord Burgh replied, "I suppose it belongs to her. It is difficult to explain."

The official receiver: I want to be frank with you. This is not a court of morals. Was there any obligation on you to give the jewellery to her?

Lord Burgh: I suppose some people would say so. Yes.

Was there any consideration for the jewellery? — No, no.

Lord Burgh said the woman, Mrs. Farrell, lived in hotels and her movements were not clearly known to him.

During further question Lord Burgh remarked: "I should like to point out that I always paid my tailor cash."

Lord Burgh's liabilities were said to be £2,734 and assets nil. He attributed his failure to a £2,000 income-tax claim on income from his wife in America, from whom he had been receiving £100 a month under a separation deed.

There was a provision that the deed should cease if he became bankrupt. A receiving order was made following a claim for £225 arrears of rent. The examination was closed.

# NAZIS DIGGING DEEPER INTO MIRE

"THE GERMANS HAVE experienced during the past year that military conquest is not the same as winning people's cooperation; on the contrary, the frontiers between the Germans and other peoples have been broadened, says the "Gothenborg Handels-tidning."

Europe, which the Nazis intended to unite, is to-day less united than before the war.

Notwithstanding her victories, Germany from the military standpoint is about as far from her aim as a year ago.

When the Germans speak of victory which is freeing Greek and Yugoslav prisoners, it is making a virtue of necessity. They must be released to provide workers for fields and industries.

The paper continues: So much has been said about sinkings and the stoppage of England's imports but one forgets that Germany's occupied territories and communications are not either working smoothly. They are at least equally considerable and vulnerable as traffic over the oceans.

## ARMY BANS MIXED BAR DRINKING

The Army Council has banned officers from drinking in public houses or hotel bars with other ranks, A.T.S. girls, or members of other women's Service organisations.

### German Vulnerability

Mr. Willing recently said that communications were Germany's chief want and in a picture of the "Vorläufiger Beobachter" he gave some grim revelation of how vulnerable they are.

It shows that a 5,000-ton ship's cargo capacity equals about 600 railway wagons.

The picture aims at showing the damage one torpedo can do to England. But it shows also what great, delicate and difficult problems German transportation over wide area. — Reuter

It has issued a circular saying that such scenes "tend to lower the standard of discipline and bring the Army into disrepute in the eyes of the public."

But it says there is no objection to officers and soldiers taking a meal or "refreshment" together in clubs, hotels or restaurants.

The circular was issued to commanding officers to bring it to the notice of their junior.

### Discretion

An officer stated: "No officer would dream of entering a bar crowded with Tommies and carousing with them."

"But there are often times when he might reasonably feel he would like to stand a man a drink in a pub."

"I think it is a matter which might have been left to our discretion."

Formerly I understand, there has been no definite instruction to Army officers.

### Their Old Friends

The circular says it is appreciated that under present Service conditions members of a family or friends may meet in uniform in a different relationship from that of their civilian lives.

The Council "would not for one moment consider prohibiting officers and soldiers from taking a meal or refreshment together in clubs and public places, such as hotels, or restaurants."

"There are types of cases which tend to lower the standard of discipline and to bring the Army into disrepute in the eyes of the public, such, for instance, as where officers and other ranks are seen drinking together in the bar of a hotel or a public house."

## THE SEA CALLED & CLAIMED

Determined to adopt the sea as a career sixteen-year-old Peter McCarthy, of Humber Street, Cleethorpes, decided to join the Royal Navy.

It was a bitter blow when he was told that, owing to his age he could not be accepted. But Peter did not lose heart. There was still the Merchant Service, and he began making friends with every captain he met.

One was so impressed with Peter's persistence that he got him a job as pantry-boy on a merchantman.

"Peter was delighted," his mother told the "Daily Mirror," "and he soon became the pet of the ship. I got a letter from him saying he liked the life, and that he had bought us all a present."

"We prepared a great homecoming for him, but it was not to be."

"On her way home Peter's ship was torpedoed and Peter was one of those who perished."

Mrs. McCarthy said she did not know why Peter had suddenly become fond of the sea.

"I think," she said, "he was impressed by the stirring tales told by his pals. He was a popular boy, and had become a great favourite on board his ship."

"Had he lived there is no doubt he would have progressed because his heart and soul were in the sea."

## SHOT IN SCENE WITH WIFE

A street fight in which it was alleged a mother and daughter attacked the mother's husband and another woman was knocked down was described at Norman Cross, Peterborough.

The mother and daughter, Mrs. Fannie May Usher, aged 52, Fallow Road, Peterborough, and May Janet Mary Cook, aged 27, Glenwood Avenue, Kingsbury, London, were committed for trial charged with attempting to murder George Henry Usher.

Mr. J. B. Kelly, prosecuting, said that Usher, a retired police sergeant, started an association with a woman who had now become Mrs. Thorn. The association continued after her marriage. Mrs. Thorn was 29 and she married a man of 78.

On January 13 Mrs. Usher and Mrs. Cook went to Mrs. Thorn's home. After a time Mr. Usher and Mrs. Thorn walked towards the house and the parties met. There were heated and angry words, blows were struck, and Usher was shot in the breast.

Both women pleaded not guilty. Bail was allowed.

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# FIRST CRACK IN THE NAZI TEMPLE

## Australian And American Comment On Hess Affair

### The Really Significant Fact

**THE GERMAN SUGGESTION** that Rudolf Hess is suffering from hallucinations and that his 'plane crashed as a result of an accident, was scathingly set aside yesterday by the "Baltimore Sun."

"His real crash," the newspaper says, "was when he crashed into the headlines. What is significant is that when a Nazi gets fed up his only safe course is to flee to the very country he had formerly sworn to put down. Whoever heard of a fed up Briton fleeing to Germany?"

Australian reaction to Hess's sensational flight to Scotland was expressed by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Commonwealth Premier, in Sydney.

"Hess's flight," he declared, "indicates the realisation within the Nazi hierarchy that Germany is unable to win the war against civilisation."

"The German radio is right. Hess has been suffering from a disease which has been progressing for years; he was, but apparently not now."

#### Single Idea

"The disease is Nazism, which has done more harm to the world in less than 10 years than all the scourges in history."

Mr. Fadden added that millions of Nazis, deluded with false promises, must now be occupied with a single idea, "If this is what Hess thinks of the war, what are we to think?"

In the opinion of Mr. W. Hughes, Commonwealth Navy Minister, "the flight indicates the first crack in the granite of the Nazi temple." — Reuter.

### RASCHID ALI'S "TERMS"

**Raschid Ali's terms for Turkish mediation in the dispute with Britain are reliably reported to have been delivered in Ankara by his War Minister, Shawkat, and are as follows:**

1. British troops landing at Basra should not remain there but proceed to their destination outside Iraq.

2. Iraq and Ali, while agreeing to an increase in the number of British troops in Iraq, insists that such increase and the manner in which it is carried out must be determined and settled by a joint Anglo-Iraqi commission.

Since these two points are contrary to the terms of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty, it is felt in Ankara that there is very little chance of Shawkat's visit being successful to the rebels.

#### Doubly Guilty

The Iraqi Legation in Ankara refused any statement other than that Shawkat's mission is concluded, although he is staying on a few days, probably to see von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador, it is suggested.

Raschid Ali's attempt to declare a Holy War against Britain is ridiculed and makes the rebels doubly guilty against their own people who owe their independence to Britain. — Reuter.

#### Egypt Offer Declined

Acknowledging Egypt's offer of mediation, the Raschid Ali administration, while thanking Egypt for the offer, states they are availing themselves of the Turkish offer which was received first. — Reuter.

#### ANOTHER ADMIRAL CAPTURED

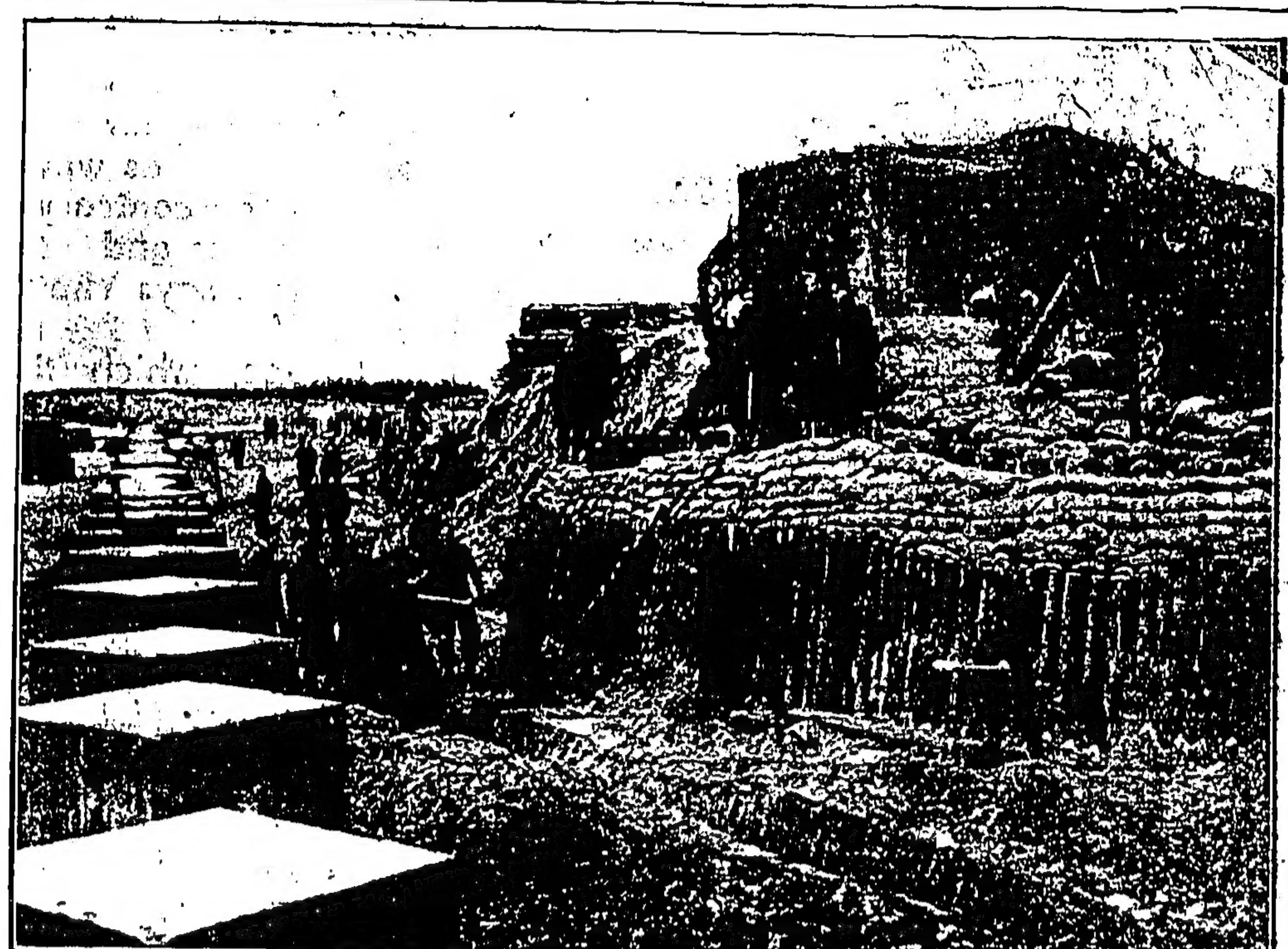
It was officially announced in Simla yesterday that Italian prisoners of war in India include 20 generals and one Admiral, while a second Admiral is expected shortly.

Camps have been designed to accommodate 3,000 prisoners. Four such camps make a group, which is guarded by two infantry battalions.

Seven such group camps have been established. — Reuter.

#### MR. CHURCHILL SEES THE KING

Mr. Winston Churchill had an audience of the King yesterday, says Reuter. — Reuter.



Taken with the Polish Forces now in Scotland. Photo shows the Polish soldiers at work constructing coast defences.

#### SWEDEN FIRES ON NAZI 'PLANES'

Swedish A.A. guns fired on two German 'planes which were flying towards Limhamn, in the province of Skaane, in south Sweden, yesterday morning, says Reuter from Stockholm. The 'planes were forced to turn back.

#### LEASE AND LEND FIGURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

John M. Keynes, economic adviser to the British Treasury, revealed in Washington yesterday that the British believe \$7,000,000,000 is only the first instalment of the United States Lease and Lend programme.

Mr. Keynes disclosed that it was President Roosevelt who conceived the Lease and Lend idea, and added that he and other British officials feel the "figure will be increased."

Mr. Keynes stressed that this should be done "soon." — International News Service.

#### BEAVERBROOK FUNCTION

Lord Beaverbrook's functions and constitutional status were further defined by Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday.

The Cabinet Defence Committee will work in two sections — operations and supply.

Mr. Attlee will be deputy chairman of the former, and Lord Beaverbrook of the latter. Lord Beaverbrook will also act as

### AN UNDERWATER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board a Dutch Submarine)

"AN UNDERWATER league of nations" — such is a certain submarine flotilla now serving with the Allies. Besides British it contains Dutch, French and Polish submarines, all working in excellent cooperation.

How Dutch vessels came to join forces with the British Navy, despite attempts by German bombers to prevent them, was told by C. H. Pul, 34-year-old commander of this Dutch submarine.

"My submarine and another were at large when Holland was overrun," he said. "I went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and joined the British and later crossed the Atlantic to Britain. Altogether we must have covered 10,000 miles."

"Three other Dutch submarines patrolling off the Dutch coast slipped over to Britain, too, accompanied by others which were only half completed. They were dive-bombed by the Germans on the way but escaped undamaged."

"When we arrived in Britain we expected there might be difficulties but only a few minor ones arose and these were soon straightened out: cooperation between ourselves and the British is excellent and this applies equally to the Poles and French."

#### Piece Of Luck

"As regards material and personnel, we are under Netherlands Naval Headquarters in London but operationally we are under British direction."

"A British sub-lieutenant on board acts as liaison officer."

"A great piece of luck is that British torpedoes fit our tubes. The problem of spare parts has been solved."

"Many volunteers in the Netherlands East Indies have applied to join us and some have come over."

"We started giving our crews English lessons but these were discontinued when we found they picked up the language quickly without them."

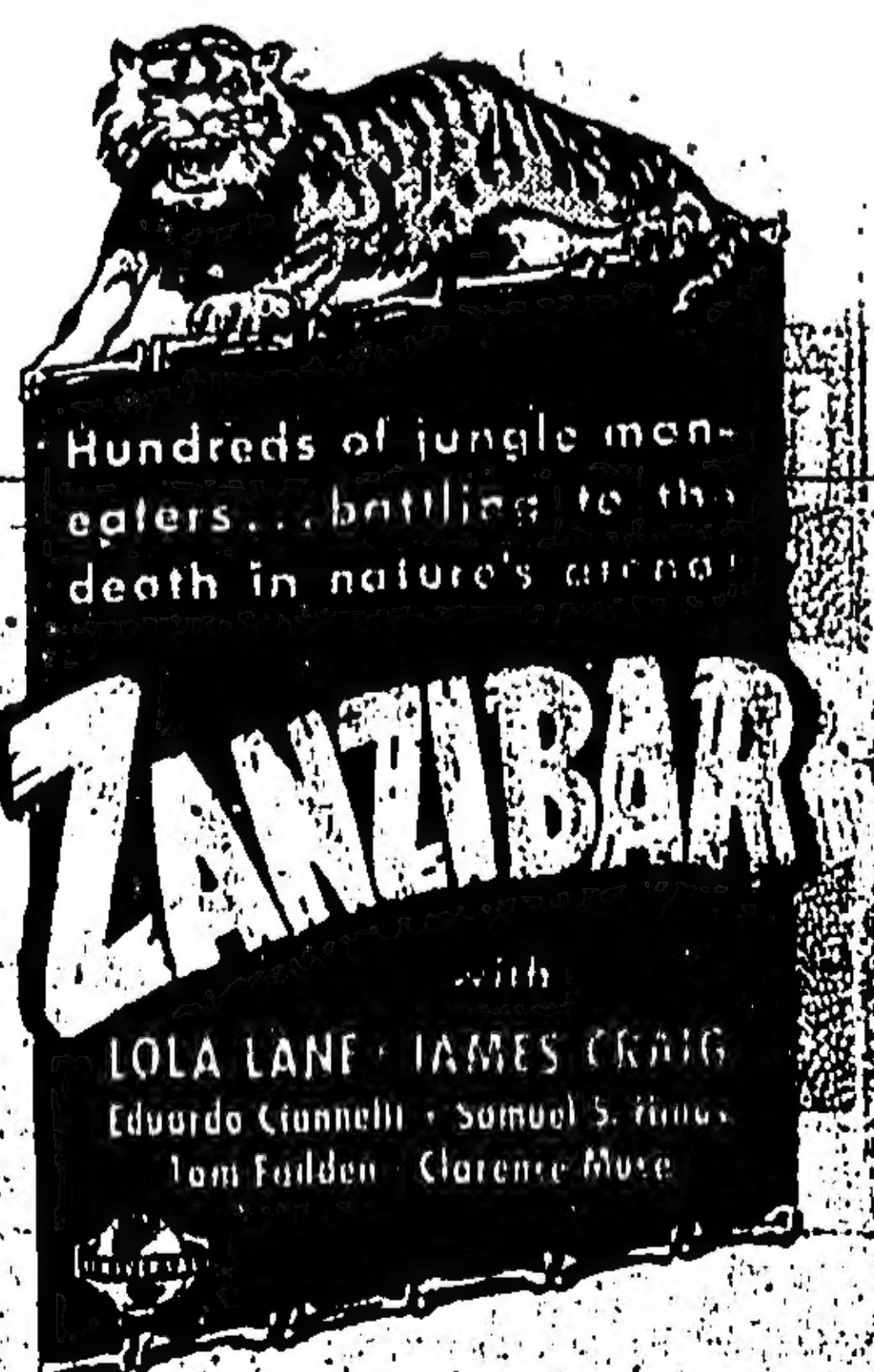
"Officers and men are happy and enthusiastic: five of them have married British girls."

The captain, who has served 11 years in submarines, showed me

over the vessel, which was as spick and span as a Dutch house-hold."

"When we sailed from Holland originally we expected to be away only six weeks. We have been away two years now." — Reuter.

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## Hess Mad Or Engaged On Private Peace Mission?

### Nazis Unable To Make Up Their Minds On Rudolf

THE NAZI PARTY'S "EXPLANATION" OF RUDOLF HESS'S FLIGHT TO SCOTLAND HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED IN A PARTY BULLETIN, WHICH DECLARES THAT "A PERUSAL OF PAPERS LEFT BEHIND BY HESS DISCLOSES THAT HE LABOURED UNDER THE DELUSION THAT A STEP TAKEN ON HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE WITH ENGLISHMEN WHOM HE FORMERLY KNEW WOULD LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING BEING REACHED BETWEEN GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

"He has actually, as has been confirmed by a report from London, landed in Scotland by parachute near the place he wished to visit, and was presumably picked up there injured.

"Rudolf Hess, who, as was known to the party, has suffered for years increasingly in a physical sense and took refuge in various forms of hypnotism, astrology, etc.

"Attempts to elucidate to what extent these people are to blame for causing Hess's mental disturbance, which led him to take this step, are being made. It is also conceivable that Hess in the end was led into a trap by the British."

"THE WHOLE MANNER OF HIS ACTION CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THE FACT ALREADY GIVEN IN THE FIRST REPORT THAT HE SUFFERED FROM DELUSIONS."

"He better than anyone else knew the many peace offers made by the Fuehrer, which came from the bottom of his heart. Apparently he laboured under the impression that by personal sacrifice he could prevent a development which, in his eyes, would only end in the complete destruction of the British Empire."

#### The Nazis Regret

Hess, whose sphere of activity, as is known, lay exclusively within the party, did not have a clear notion about this act or its consequences, as may be deduced from notes he left.

"The National-Socialist Party regrets that this idealist fell a victim to such fateful delusions. By this act nothing has been changed in the prosecution of the war against Britain, forced upon the German people."

"It will be explained, as the Fuehrer announced in his last speech, that the British leaders have been overthrown or are ready for peace," Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA SWING TO LABOUR

As a consequence of the heavy swing to Labour manifested in the New South Wales state elections, supporters of Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Labour member of the Advisory War Council, consider his position has been strengthened in Federal politics.

Future developments depend largely on the result of the Federal by-election at Boothby, South Australia. A win for Labour would be immediately followed by a demand for the resignation of the Commonwealth Government.

The Labour leader, Mr. Curtin, declared yesterday "The victory will be a complete vindication of Labour's programme giving Labour half the seats in the House of Representatives."

If, however, the Commonwealth Government retains Boothby, according to expectations, pressure for formation of a National Government will probably be renewed by Dr. Evatt's supporters, who are already urging the replacement of Mr. Curtin by him. — Reuter.

### NANNY ON RUDY

"I refuse to believe Rudy is insane; there's either a serious Nazi split or else he has formed a far-reaching plan," declared Frau Paula, the old nurse of Rudolf Hess, in an exclusive interview with Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

Paula added "I nursed him until he was a grown-up boy. He was broad-minded, of strong character and extremely honest."

"From early childhood he vaunted of German invincibility and always fought for top place, whether at school or elsewhere."

"He often used to discuss important political questions with his father."

Hess, who was born in Egypt, received his early schooling there. — Reuter.

### CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was generally firm yesterday with sentiment cheerful. Leading industrials improved on country buying. Kaffir dividend payers met active. Cable enquiry while diamonds were also good. Oils were firm, with Mexican Eagles and Anglo-Egyptian bid higher. Gilt-edged and home rails were about unchanged. Among foreign issues Japanese and Chinese bonds improved. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

### VESSEL LOST

Reuter from Simla reports an official Government of India announcement of the loss by enemy action of H.M.S. Paravati.

### CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT SEEING THE WORLD

Captain James Roosevelt, has returned to Cairo from a short visit to Crete, where he delivered to the King of the Hellenes a letter from his father, the President of the United States. — Reuter.

### EMPEROR'S GIRL SOLDIER

#### Marches To Fight Italians

With the Emperor Haile Selassie's expeditionary force marching into Abyssinia is one woman. She is Miss Banichyzgu Kidani, a 23-year-old nurse, who was once condemned to death by the Italians.

She disguised herself as a boy to join the expedition.

"I appealed to the Emperor to allow me to accompany his troops as a hospital nurse," she said, "but he refused on the ground that the journey would be too severe for a woman."

"So I cut off my hair, disguised myself as a soldier, and marched, until one day the Emperor recognised me and, since it was too late to send me back, allowed me to remain."

Miss Kidani's father, a colonel in the Emperor's army, was hanged by the Italians in the market-place at Addis Ababa 10 months ago.

Captured in the Abyssinian war Miss Kidani was imprisoned in Addis Ababa by the Italians, who ordered her execution. With the aid of an American missionary, she got some medicine which made her so violently ill that the Italian authorities, believing her to be suffering from an infectious and fatal disease, put her in the Abyssinian leper colony.

A Swedish doctor helped her to escape and, after many adventures, she reached a Sudanese outpost. In 1939 she returned to Abyssinia to join the rebels.

Returning to the Sudan, she worked as a nurse until the Emperor's arrival at Khartoum from England.



A useful salvage scheme is being worked in Tottenham under the direction of Mr. Robert Morrison, M.P. for North Tottenham. The scheme consists of selling bits of shrapnel picked up in the borough to a West-end firm, who make them into brooches and ornaments and which are in demand in America as souvenirs of the London blitz. Mr. Morrison says that a penny a piece is given for the shrapnel, which works out at £60 a ton. Photo shows: Here are some of the types of paper knives, complete with shell splinter handles. (Fox, Copyright).

### NURSES SHIELD PATIENT AS HITS STOP OPERATION

As bomb fragments rained through the roof, a doctor and nurses used their bodies to shield an air raid victim when a Cardiff hospital was hit while they were operating on him.

The injured man was saved as well as the other 300 patients.

Sister Gweneth Lewis was one of the heroines of the raid. After twenty-four hours' continuous duty in the theatre, her smile was cheerful, though her pallid cheeks showed the strain she had been through.

"We were operating on air raid casualties," she stated, "and were about to extract shrapnel from a man who had been brought in when there was a terrific explosion."

"Our first thought was for our patient. The doctor, young Nurse Borden, and myself managed somehow partially to lift him off the operating-table."

"As we did so there was a second explosion."

#### Glass Roof Crashed

"The windows blew in, the glass roof of the theatre crashed."

"Somehow we lowered our patient under the table and got down to shield him."

"By a miracle nobody was hurt. We got the patient away to another hospital for his operation."

Bombs hit the hospital chapel and decontamination centre, and set fire to the dispensary.

Another fell between the new pathological building and the nurses' home. None of the nurses was hurt since they were on duty.

Patients crawled under their beds as the ward windows blew in on top of them.

Nurses carried many to the comparative safety of the corridors.

Through the darkness came the girls of the M.T.C. driving American ambulances to take patients to other hospitals.

"It was bad while it lasted," Miss Munro, head of the unit, told said. "But we got 150 people away safely."

"A bomb came down just opposite my ambulance. Another of my girls had an incendiary on her roof but it bounced off. We drove on."

#### Bagged A Tin Hat

Although they had no tin hats of their own, the nurses accompanied the patients.

"I bagged one from a policeman," Sister Chorley said, "And I've still got it."

Officials described this attack on Cardiff as "one of the war's greatest fire raids."

Big fires broke out, but were soon got under control.

One raider was shot down by A.A.

At the peak of the attack there was a big flash high in the sky. A moment later, there was a terrific explosion.

Parts of the wings were picked up on rooftops.

While the attack was at its height, women and children who had been bombed out took part in a church service in a shelter.

The German communiqué describing recent raids on Britain, named Newcastle as well as Cardiff as having been attacked by the Luftwaffe.

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# NAZI CHEFS ON TENTERHOOKS What Will Hess Give Away?

Commons In  
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## IS GIFT HORSE A TROJAN ?

"Obviously a further statement will be made in the near future regarding the flight to this country of this very high and important Nazi leader," declared Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday when invited to make a statement about Rudolf Hess.

Mr. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of the German radio reference to "total instability" and asked whether the Premier had any information on this subject.

Another member asked whether the Premier was taking steps with the Minister of Information to see that "this piece of news is dealt with with skill and imagination."

MIR CHURCHILL SAID "THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE IMAGINATION IS SOMEWHAT BAFFLED BY THE FACTS AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES." (LAUGHTER).

Other supplementary questions begged Mr. Churchill to bear in mind Hess's record of devotion to the evil genius of Europe. (Cheers).

They questioned the prudence of announcing that Hess was in a Glasgow hospital as being unfair to the people of Glasgow, who might possibly expect a rain of bombs.

THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED: "HE WON'T ALWAYS BE IN GLASGOW." — REUTER.

## BENGHAZI TWICE SHELLED

Two bombardments of Benghazi, already announced, and various convoy movements have been carried out by British naval units operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period May 6 to 12.

An Admiralty communique states that during these operations nine enemy aircraft were shot down and one damaged, while two British fighters were lost.

Despite the usual exaggerated claims of the enemy no damage of any sort was sustained by British ships during these operations.

### EARL OF SUFFOLK KILLED

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire was killed by a bomb on Monday night, together with his secretary and five others.

The Earl, who had a colourful career, succeeded to the title at the age of 11. Since then he has been Guards officer, apprentice in the Merchantile Marine and farm hand in Australia.

At the outbreak of war he became liaison officer for the Scientific Department of the Ministry in France. — Reuter.

## Empire Society Building Wrecked

The Royal Empire Society's building in London, which is well-known to visitors from all over the world, was severely damaged in recent air raids.

Practically the entire law library, involving between 12,000 and 15,000 books, was destroyed. In addition between 10,000 and 12,000 books were destroyed in the newspaper room, including the whole of the British Empire section.

Other losses involved a complete section on foreign colonization as well as irreplaceable foreign periodicals and official journals of former German and other colonies.

The entire Hind Collection of books concerning East Africa and the Gibraltar and Malta sections were also lost.

The administrative quarters, together with the India Room, New Zealand Room and social rooms, were gutted. — Reuter.

Thus, adds the communique, during the above period British naval forces in the Mediterranean destroyed a total of 16 enemy aircraft and damaged at least six others. — Reuter.

## Tired Man, But Otherwise In Excellent Health

BERLIN IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN WHAT REVELATIONS RUDOLF HESS WILL MAKE TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE NEUTRAL PRESS IN STOCKHOLM.

Berlin is insisting that Hess was progressively being relieved of his responsibilities and is attempting to stress the "tragedy" of his case.

ALSO, IT IS SAID IN BERLIN, THE FLIGHT LACKS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.

In Stockholm, it is thought that executions may now occur in Germany, but if there are only imprisonments, then the whole affair will appear a clever trick on the part of the Nazis.

It is thought that Hess's farewell letter will not be made public but that an official communique may shortly be expected.

Meanwhile Hess is in bed in hospital and, save for tiredness, is comfortable and in good spirits, it was authoritatively stated in London last night.

THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH PYJAMAS AND ARMY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TOOTHBRUSH AND SO ON.

Though suffering pain from his injured ankle, Hess is quite well. He spends most of the time resting, dozing and reading, mainly English geographical magazines. He has been given some

novels and writing paper, pencil and ink and is writing quite a lot.

He is receiving the usual hospital food, such as boiled chicken and rice for lunch.

### Lacking Exercise

Hess conveyed the impression to Mr. Ivor Kirkpatrick, former First Secretary to the British Embassy at Berlin, who knows him well, that he has not been having so much outdoor exercise as formerly and has been spending much

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## MORE ITALIANS CAPTURED

British operations in the Amba Alagi area of Abyssinia are continuing to develop satisfactorily and British troops advancing on the town have captured a further 200 Italians, according to a Cairo G.H.Q. communique.

In the south, despite heavy rains, the Imperial forces are continuing the advance in all areas.

In the lakes district, south of Addis Ababa, Imperial troops successfully assaulted an enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing 13 Italian and 143 African prisoners.

In Iraq there is nothing of importance to report.

In Libya no change is reported in the situation at Tobruk.

In the Sollum area, the enemy carried out a reconnaissance in force, advancing eastwards in five small columns.

When met by advancing elements of the Imperial mechanised forces in the area west and south of Sollum, the enemy turned back. — Reuter.

## DEATH DUTIES DECISION

THE ESTATES OF CIVILIANS KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION WILL HENCEFORTH NOT BE LIABLE TO DEATH DUTIES ON A NORMAL SCALE.

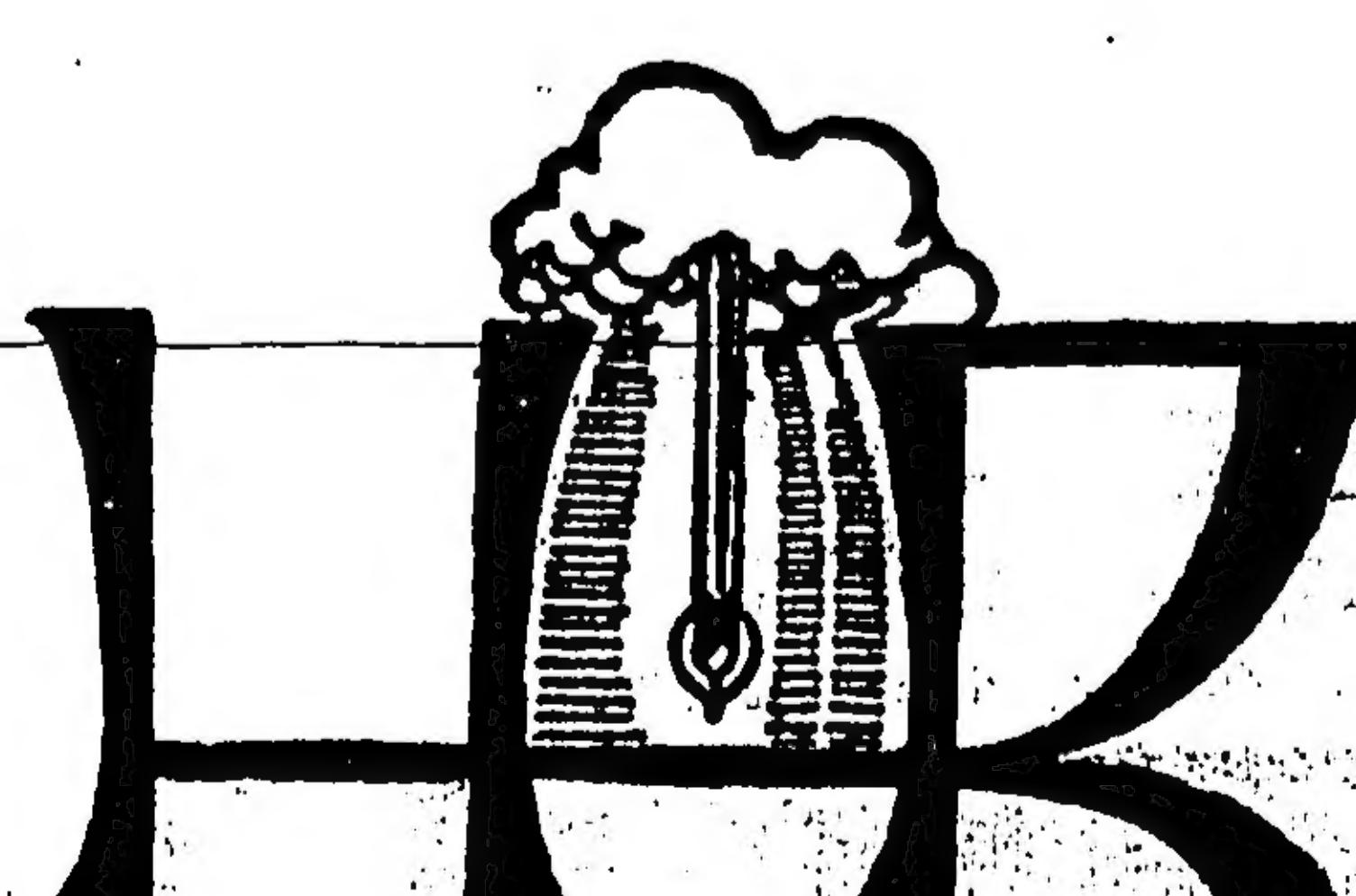
Relief will be granted on the same terms as those applying to members of the armed forces killed on active service.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer told the Commons yesterday that the new arrangements would be made retrospective to the beginning of the war. — Reuter.

### IRAQ EVACUEES

Six British evacuees, women and children, from Iraq arrived in Karachi yesterday, according to a Reuter message.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

# BILL TO SOLVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' WAR PROBLEMS

(By A Political Correspondent)

Parliament is shortly to debate the war-time problem of the public schools. A Government bill to help them overcome war difficulties has been presented to the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon. Framed in consultation with the schools, it gives greater freedom in the use of trust funds.

Meanwhile the governing bodies of the public schools are discussing the post-war situation and whether application should be made to the Board of Education for inclusion in the Government's general scheme to remodel secondary education after the war.

The Joint Standing Committee of the Headmasters' Conference, representing governors and headmasters, will meet at the end of the present term to discuss the whole matter.

Under the new bill governing bodies would be empowered by

## CUTTING ARMY RED TAPE

Experts Given A Free Hand

Reforms in Army administration, designed to cut down the red tape of which Major R. H. Turton, M.P. for Thirsk and Malton, complained to the House of Commons are already on the way.

These are mainly reforms of office procedure. Others on the lines of decentralisation will probably follow from an experiment now being carried out in the Northern Command.

Major Turton said in his speech: "The amount of paper, of time and of man-power that are wasted fill me with tremendous alarm." He stated that correspondence had gone on for seven months about a postal order for £1 11s, and that a lorry-driver's claim, following in July, had still not been settled. "Every bit of financial administration has to go up to the War Office," he said. "I used to trust far more financial responsibility in peace-time to my farm bailiff than could be entrusted to anybody less than a corps commander in the British Army."

### Six Months At Work

For six months a committee of experts has been working to smooth out those entanglements in Army business methods which give rise to such complaints.

Their work has taken them into departments of the War Office and out into the Commands. They have a free hand to carry out any investigations they think necessary.

They have studied the Army's complex usages of forms and returns and the system which requires so much "reference to higher authority." Certain internal changes have already been made on their recommendations, and others will follow shortly.

The Northern Command experiment is meant to go farther and to give greater independence to the command in administration matters.

An authority said "The committee has been very busy, and it has made a number of recommendations, several of which have been put into effect.

"It is trying to cut down the paper work and the reference of matters from one person to another. In doing so it has, of course, to think of the timing of any changes, because they must not be allowed to cause dislocation or interruption of the Army's work."

The committee was appointed by Mr. Anthony Eden, when he was War Secretary. It has seven members, three of them business men. They are Sir James Grigg, Permanent Under-Secretary for War, who is chairman; Sir Percy Bates, Mr. G. W. Dunkley, Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Haining, Mr. R. J. Sinclair, Gen. Sir Walter Venable and Lt.-Gen. H. C. B. Wemyss.

## VATICAN RADIO JAMMED

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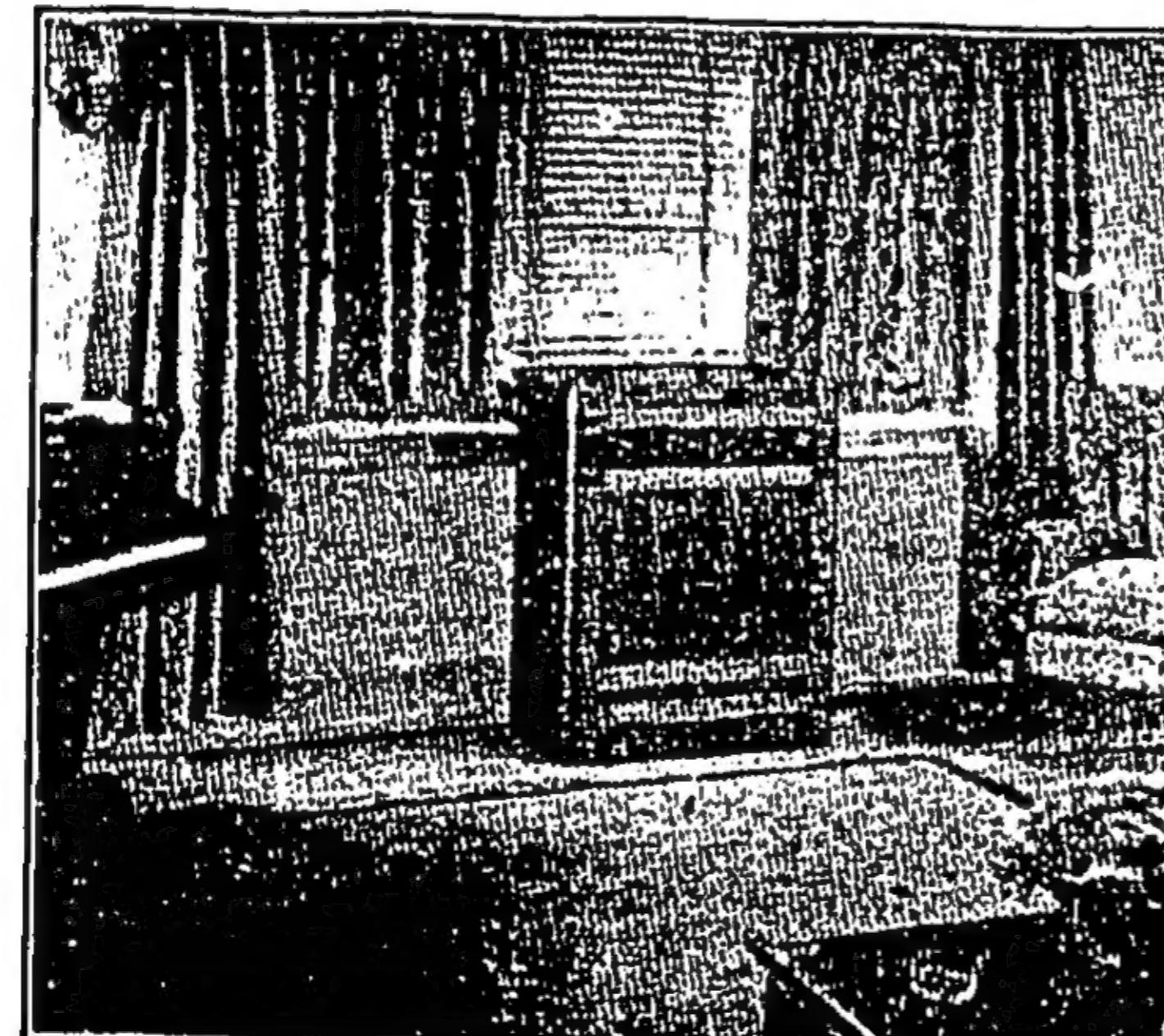
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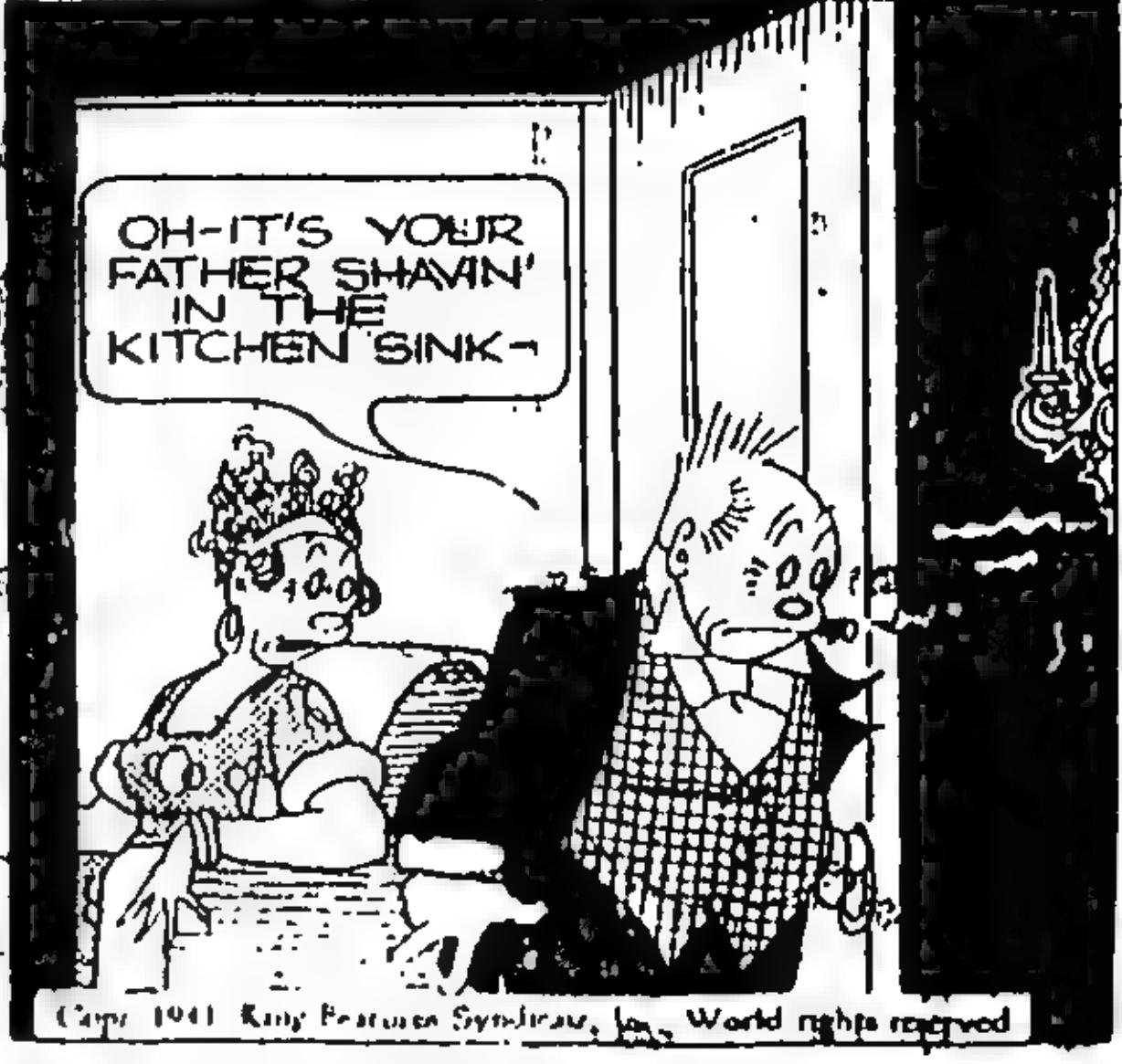
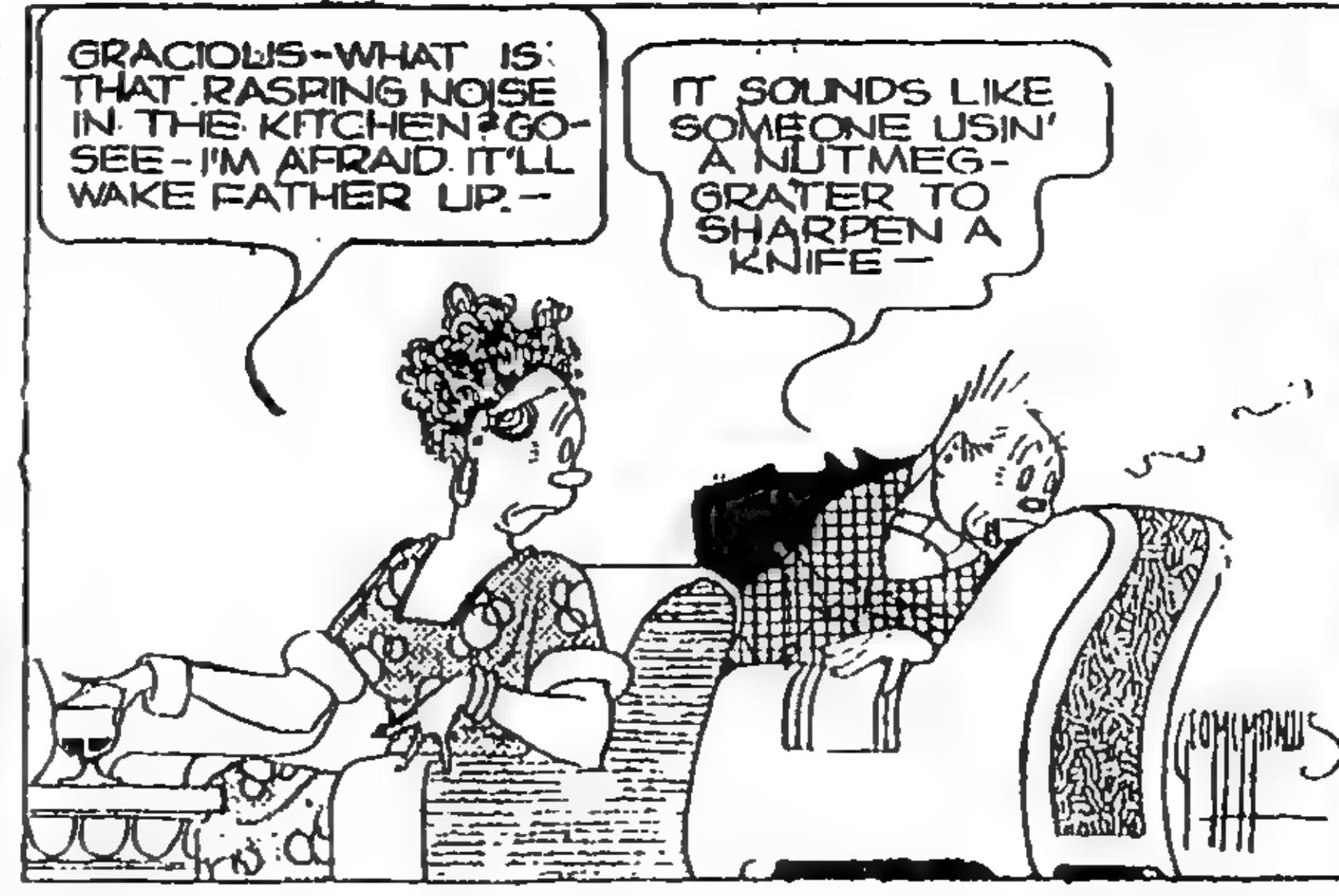
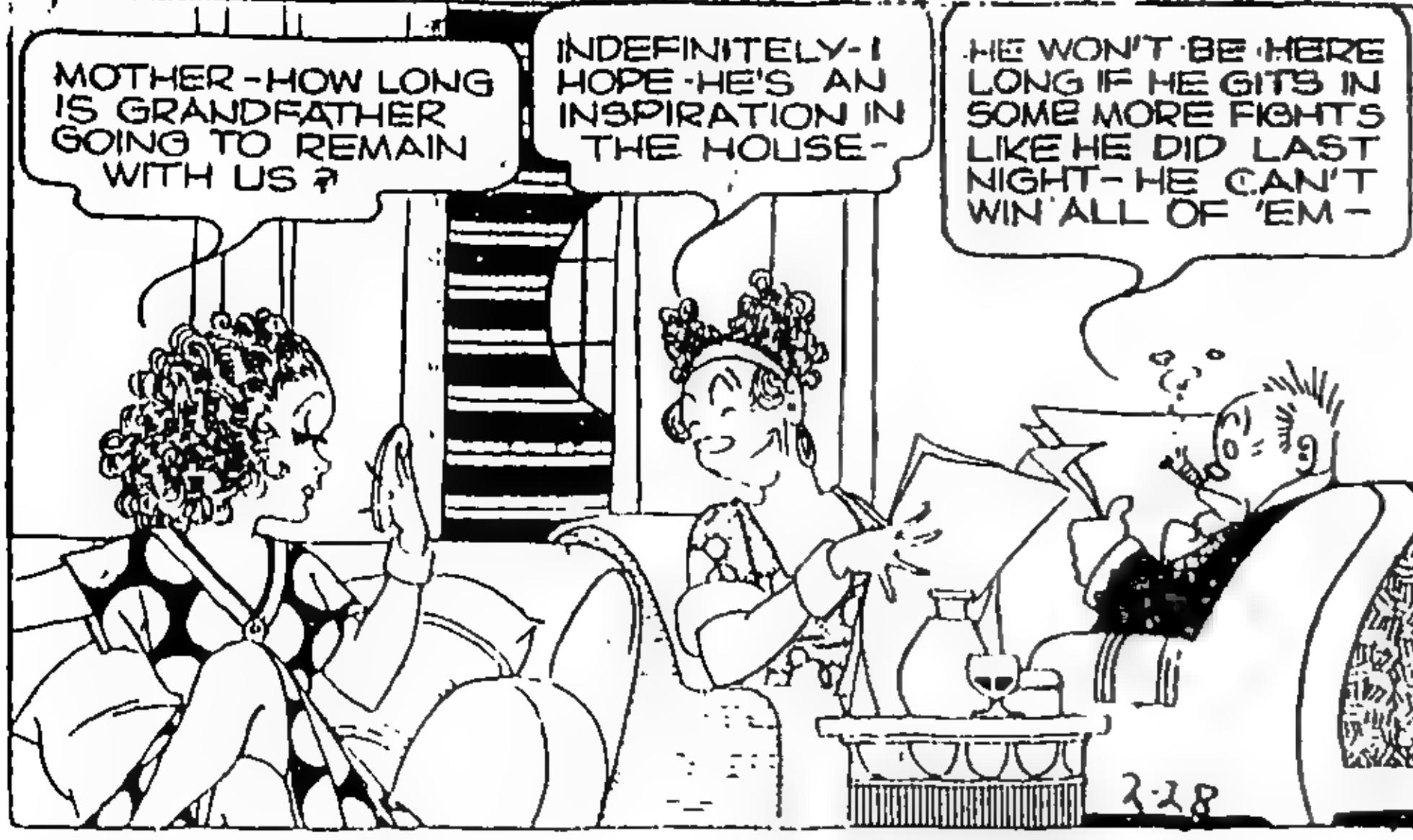
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By George MacManus

## Bringing Up Father



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# A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## New Tricks For Party Sandwiches

by Dorothy Greig

These razzle-dazzle bites, party sandwiches, offer a real chance for originality. There are few rules and regulations governing how they should be made—or of what. What fun for the hostess with an imagination.

She can blossom out with sandwiches fashioned of any kind of bread she wishes, not to mention tiny muffins, rolls, and the many members of the cracker family. Fillings can be sweet, sour, spicy, bland, tart, smooth, crunchy, thin, thick, light, heavy or what have you. The sandwiches may be served chilled and moist from the refrigerator, or dry and crisp, or hot and buttery. Quick, Mary Ann, hand me the breadknife—I feel a party coming on!

Unusual fillings? Try these:

### Vegetable Tomato Sandwich Spread

2 tablespoons butter  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup celery, very finely chopped  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup onion, very finely chopped  
 1 can condensed tomato soup  
 2 eggs, beaten

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add chopped onion and celery and cook until soft and yellow. Add the tomato soup and simmer 5-10 minutes. Then add eggs, cook slowly until thickened. Cool thoroughly.

To make sandwich: Spread both slices of bread with butter, then one slice with tomato sandwich filling. Put together and cut in finger lengths, squares or triangles.

To make rolled sandwich: Cut loaf of unsliced bread into 2 or 3 pieces. Then slice bread lengthwise, spread each slice with butter and sandwich spread and roll.



Part of the fun of making party sandwiches is to cut them in interesting shapes, tiny rounds, long fingers, rolls, triangles.

Brush with butter and toast in broiler.

### Bean With Bacon Sandwich Filling

1 can condensed bean with bacon soup  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chili sauce  
 2 tablespoons salad or mayonnaise dressing  
 Empty the bean with bacon

soup, just as it comes from the can, into a bowl. Add the chili sauce and salad or mayonnaise dressing and mix well.

To make sandwich: Spread one slice of bread with butter and the other slice of bread with the "Bean with Bacon" filling. Put together with lettuce or cole slaw. Makes 8-10 sandwiches.

Note:—This mixture may be stored in refrigerator.

# Improved Posture

This year, 1941, brings all women to attention—at least it should. It is no year for weaklings. A grave present and a graver future demand that women turn about face and make themselves not only most useful but strong in body and spirit.

Past is the era of drooping, relaxed attitudes and the clinging vine, helpless beauty, or casually indifferent woman. Those women will not be admired during this realistic period—in fact they are in danger of being despised.

Strength, as you know, comes with a healthy body which coordinates with a balanced, healthy mind. Every girl and woman should strive to attain such physical perfection. If you are ailing do get to the root of your trouble. Do not let it hang on to make you uncomfortable and to irritate those around you.

Every woman can face the spring in better health if she will exercise to improve her posture. Even though you may think your posture is pretty good, it does not hurt in the least to check it over and see if you are giving your body the chance it needs to be healthy.

Ever so slightly rounded shoulders, for instance, can cause several ills. If your shoulders sag your chest does too, denying your lungs the full expansion they



Fresh as spring itself is DOROTHY DARRELL in a pretty print frock. Her perfect posture makes her appear alluringly buoyant.

### Encourage Health

There is no doubt about it, good posture, or improved posture encourages health. I know it is not easy to correct long-standing bad habits, but it can be done! Get into the habit of forcibly pulling your abdomen in and up thus lifting your chest and pushing your shoulders straighter. At first the flabby abdomen muscles will not do your bidding, but keep after them. Whenever you think of it, pull them in and stand erectly.

After the abdomen muscles are convinced you mean business you can start on those of the derriere. To get the feel of what you should do in order to keep your buttocks in pleasing alignment, ask someone to spank you smartly when you least expect the spanking. Your immediate reaction will be to draw your buttocks in and down. That's where they belong! You will notice also that when they are in their proper position your spine from end to tip straightens noticeably, and if you hold the improved posture for a few moments you will experience fatigue leaving your body—for it is grateful that each organ is being held in its normal, healthy position.

And to inspire you let me remind you that figure and facial beauty are terribly dependent upon good posture. If you want to be lovely looking, healthy and stronger you will learn to stand and walk in the best of postures!

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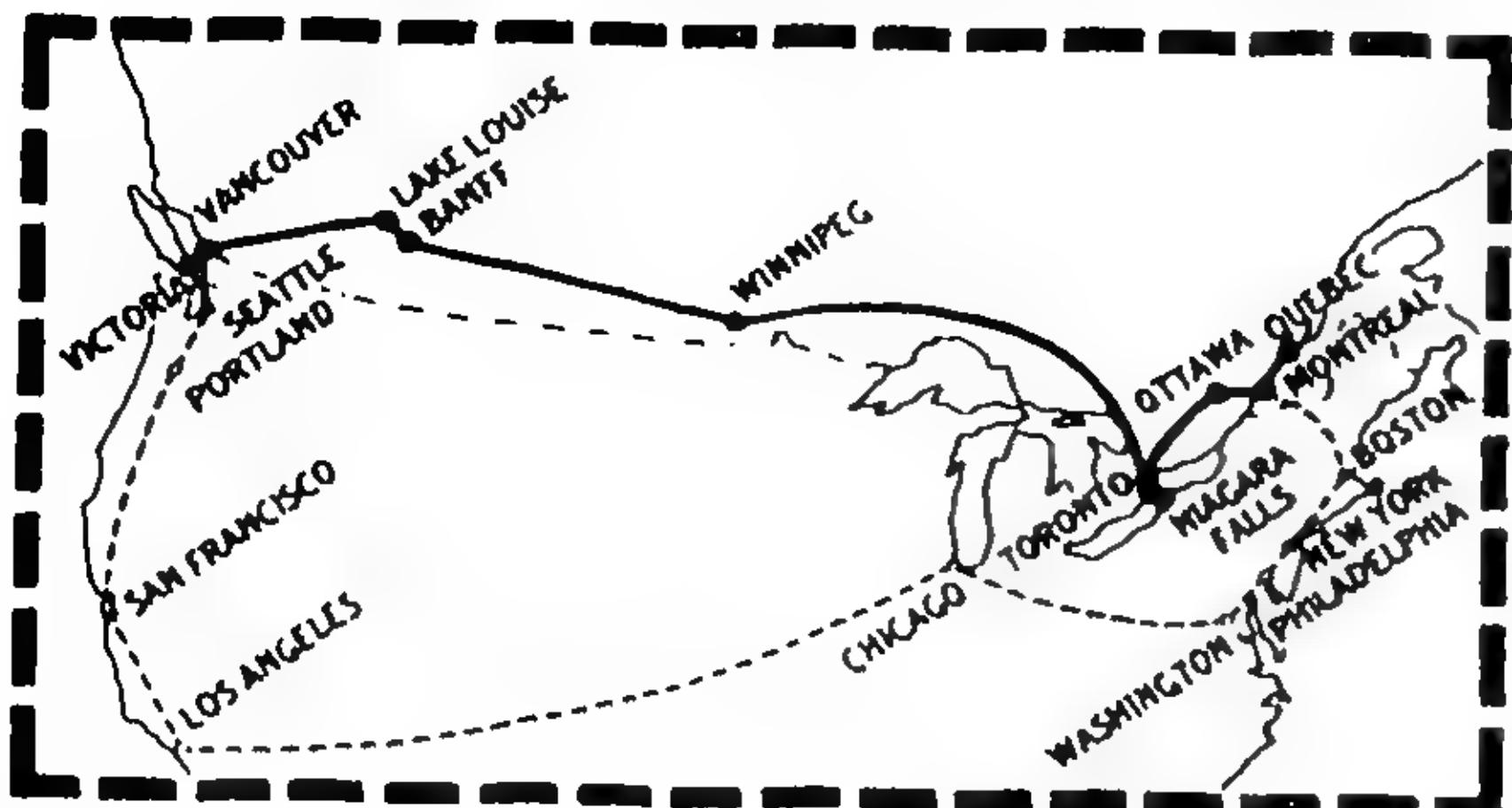
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**PEER'S ANNUITY TO ACTRESS**

A woman who set up house with Lionel Walter Rothschild, second Baron Rothschild, in 1906, after she had sought his help in her stage career, declared in the Chancery Division that they separated through the "persecution" of another woman.

The plaintiff was Miss Marie Barbara Frederson, of Stroud Cottage, Shamley Green, Guildford, who brought an action against the executors of Lord Rothschild's will. She sought rectification of documents, dated July, 1907, and October, 1908, providing for the payment of an annuity for her and her daughter for life by Lord Rothschild.

Mr. Wynn Parry, K.C., for Miss Frederson, said she first met Lord Rothschild in 1903, when she was 16. In 1905 she took a room at the house of a Mrs. Lizzie Ritchie, who was considerably older than she was.

At a meeting with Lord Rothschild at which Miss Frederson's career was discussed, the baron suggested that he would better be able to help her if they set up house together.

Under continuous pressure Miss Frederson was persuaded to take a room with a view to their having an establishment together, but at the last moment, said Mr. Parry, her courage failed her. She went into the country after confiding in Mrs. Ritchie.

Mrs. Ritchie, counsel added, communicated with the baron, and he started to live with her.

**Changed Her Mind**

"Then Miss Frederson again got in touch with the baron regarding her stage career, and was finally persuaded to change her mind," counsel continued. "She and the baron set up house together in February, 1906, and in December, 1906 a daughter was born.

"When the child was registered the father's name was given as Lionel Walters. It had become essential not to give the baron's name in view of a persistent campaign of persecution started by Mrs. Ritchie because she was no longer living with the baron.

"She embarked on such a campaign of persecution that by June, 1907, though Miss Frederson and the baron were on the very best of terms, they reluctantly concluded that they had to cease living together. The campaign involved telegrams and telephone messages to the baron's parents and relatives."

The question of provision for Miss Frederson arose, and a deed was drawn up for the payment of a £500 clear annuity. No deduction was made for tax, but after the baron's death his executors deducted tax.

Miss Frederson asked the court to rectify the deeds so as to make the payments free of tax.

The defendants maintained that the deed was not made in pursuance with the agreement alleged by Miss Frederson and pleaded that the payment was voluntary, made without any consideration. The omission by the baron to deduct tax from the payments, it was contended, was a voluntary act on his part.

**Made Life Wretched**

In evidence Miss Frederson said that Mrs. Lizzie Ritchie made her life and that of the baron "absolutely wretched," and "the poor man could not stand it any longer."

Mr. C. Harman, K.C., for the Public Trustee, maintained that the defendants had no case to answer. If persons put into a deed words they intended to put there and then found they had made a mistake in law, rectification could not be secured.

The hearing was adjourned.

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## Amber II Confounds Critics And Pays Best Dividend

By "Rapier"

THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE WHICH FAVOURED THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT THE VALLEY ON SATURDAY WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE GATHERING OF RACING ENTHUSIASTS. WITH THE TRACK VERY HARD, THE GOING WAS FAST AND IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE WHEN AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND BROKE BY 9-2/5 SECONDS THE RECORD FOR THE 1-1/2 MILES, PREVIOUSLY HELD BY UNITED EXPRESS.

Mr. Li Shiu-fai suffered an unfortunate mishap, when he was thrown by Beauford in the first race and rendered unconscious, and Corvette was shot following the last event, in which it broke a shoulder blade.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, were interested spectators in the Steward's enclosure.

M. L. B. Chao headed the list previous connoisseurs over the two of successful jockeys, with two wins to his credit, followed by Mr. D. Black with two wins and two thirds, while honours among owners went deservedly to Mr. S. W. Lee, with two wins, a second and a third.

The first race, the Carpenteria Handicap for "E" Class Australian ponies ridden by novice jockeys was instituted for the first time and started a day of upsets. Harmony Star, well ridden by Mr. S. W. Lee, the owner, winning and paying the second best dividend of the day.

Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chu Kifan) took the lead, followed by Grand Allegiance (Mr. Sequeira) and Harmony Star. When the field entered the Straight, it became evident that the finish would be fought out between Sydney Diamond and Harmony Star. About 70 yards from the post, Harmony Star overhauled Sydney Diamond, these two then indulging in a spirited contest, which the former just won by a short head. Surprise Agent (Mr. Chattey) was third, another three lengths behind. In this race, Mr. Li was thrown, Beauford obviously not being an easy pony to handle.

### A Disappointment

The many punters who backed Jober (Mr. Chao) were disappointed as it ran unplaced. Mr. Chao got his mount off to a good start, but set too fast a pace and the pony faded out at the Village bend, being passed by Eve of Folly (Mr. Wood), Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven) and King Kong (Mr. Wei).

In the straight Eve of Folly had a commanding lead, which it maintained to the end; Hopeful Star was second, three lengths away. For third place Expansion Time (Mr. Black) did very well to dead-heat with King Kong.

There was another shock in the next race, the Bass River Paddocks Handicap, which was the main event of the afternoon over the Derby distance. Australian Diamond, cleverly ridden by Mr. Chang, turned the tables on its

### Same Tactics

Adopting the same tactics as on its last two outings in a two-mile race, Australian Diamond took the lead from the very start and, never looking back, went on to win in record time by 11½ lengths from Baffin Bay, despite the latter's challenge over the last 50 yards. Viceroy (Mr. Black), the favourite, was third, having the better of Endeavour (Mr. Wei).

A protest against Mr. Tao on Man-O'-War for bumping, was lodged after the race but the Stewards accepted the jockey's explanation.

In the Wallsend Handicap (First Section), Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), the favourite, did not disappoint.

At the rise of the gate Flying Dutchman (Mr. Chang) went into the lead, followed by Shuttlecock and A Roaring Time (Mr. Tao).

There was no positional change on rounding the Village bend except that A Roaring Time was placed by Gay Fox (Mr. Poy) for the third position.

In the Straight, Flying Dutchman still led but Shuttlecock was within striking distance. On passing the two-mile post Shuttlecock overhauled Flying Dutchman and then went on to win, with Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) taking second place from Gay Fox.

### Biggest Upset

The fifth race, the Moreton Bay Stakes (First Section), which was the first leg of the "Daily Double", provided the biggest upset of the afternoon. Amber II confounding the racing public with a win over this sprint event distance to pay out the best dividend of the day.

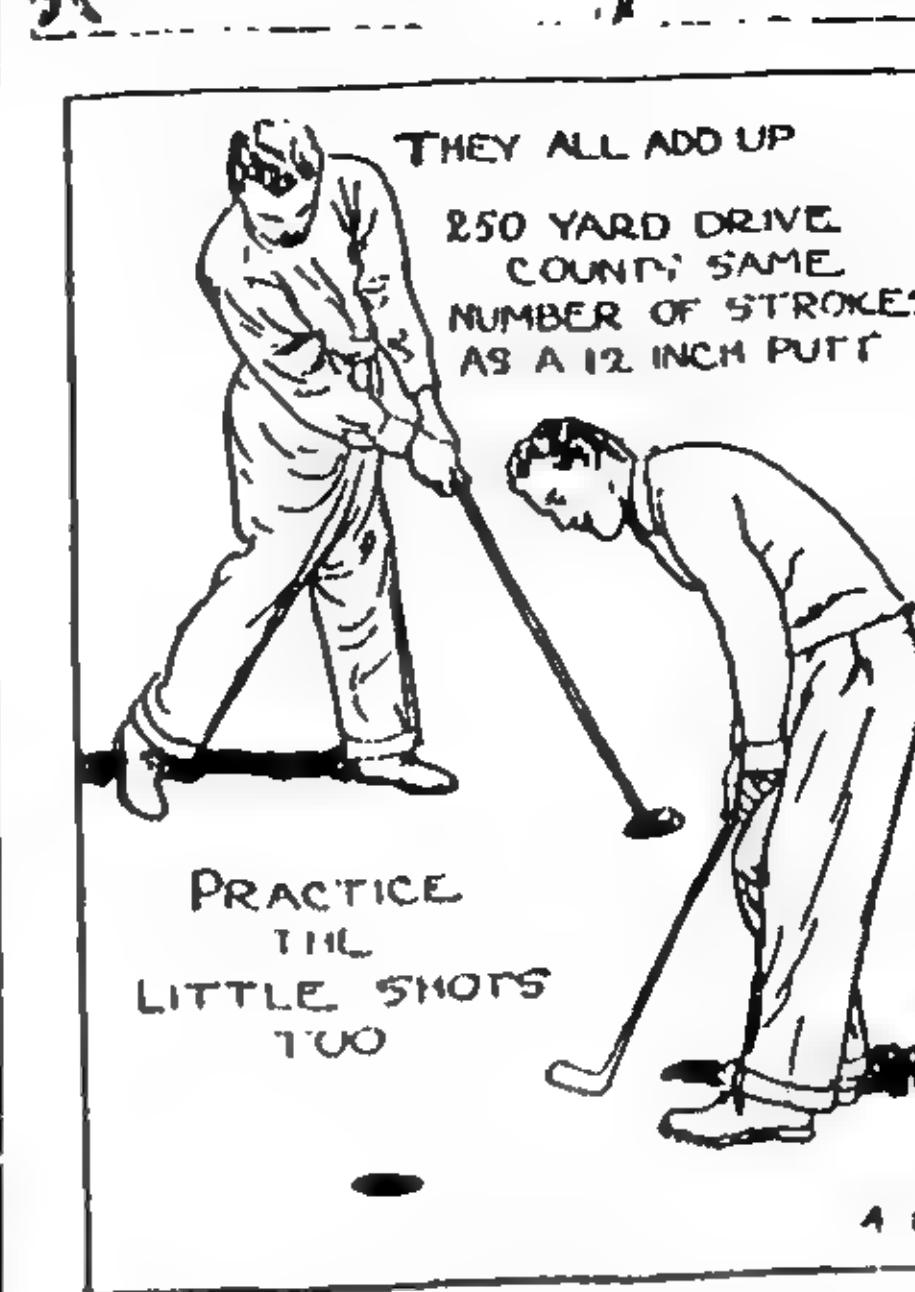
Bredon (Mr. Chattey) received the best support, but was unplaced. Ozark (Mr. Proulx) jumped into the lead on the rise of the barrier, followed by Bredon and National Reform (Mr. Chang). After passing the Rock, Bredon overtook Ozark to take the lead and it was running so strongly that it looked certain to win. Coming into the straight, however, Ozark re-asserted itself and took command, although National Reform was challenging. Whilst these two ponies indulged in a great battle for supremacy, Amber II (Mr. Pan) came up from the outside in a great rush with whip flaying to go out in front and win by a short head from National Reform, which beat Ozark by the same margin. Amber II paid out \$107.70 for a win ticket.

In view of its recent promotion to "C" Class, Blue Field did extremely well to win the West River Handicap (Second Section). This was due principally to the handling of its jockey, Mr. Chao. The finish was quite interesting, with Galveston Bay (Mr. Needa) making a great effort, and Lovely View (Mr. Pih) taking third place after leading most of the way round.

### Mr. Chao Again

The Great Bight Stakes (First Section), over the two-mile post for "D" Class Australian ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double". After his success in the previous race, Mr. Chao was not neglected in the betting when he took out Dashing Beauty. This pony took the lead, followed by

### GRAPHIC GOLF



### APPRECIATION OF MR. EU

By "Rapier"

Racing enthusiasts throughout the Colony must have been shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose demise on Sunday came in the nature of a great surprise.

He attended the meeting held on Saturday, and there was certainly no indication forthcoming then that he was so soon to pass on.

For the last five years, the late Mr. Eu was keenly interested in local racing, and the large string of ponies which he maintained gave him some prominent successes, the most notable of which was the winning of the Hong Kong Derby in 1939.

His passing will leave a gap in local racing, and I am sure all followers of the turf will join me in expressing heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

### VALUE OF PUTTING

#### BY BEST BALL

When one considers that a little half a foot putt counts the same number of strokes as a powerful, bulletlike drive down the fairway, that covers 1500 times as much territory, a better picture of just how important putting is begins to form in one's mind. As a matter of fact, a golfer can be more than a little bit off on his play down the fairway to the green and still keep in the running by virtue of accurate putting. Poor putting has put more golfers out of championships than all the other strokes combined.

Putting is approximately half the game of golf yet how many players devote half of their practice time to this phase of the sport. There is no mystery to good putting, most of it is hard, conscientious practice.

Next Article:—Raising The Ball.

## "Y" SWIMMING GALA TO-NIGHT

European Y.M.C.A. will open their Swimming gala season to-night at 9 p.m. with a programme of eight events, including a 200 Yards free-style relay, in which the Lai Tsun Swimming Union, the Army and the European Y.M.C.A. will compete.

A water-polo match between the Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex senior teams will bring the gala to a conclusion. The entries are as follows:

**Men's 50 Yards Aggregate Handicap:**—E. W. Railton, G. Saunders, F. Willis, H. G. Ramage, A. McQueen, E. F. Paul, W. S. Gegg, M. J. Gunning, R. Smith and G. Davidson.

**220 Yards Free-style Handicap:**—G. Davidson, E. W. Railton, M. J. Gunning, L. A. Benn, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, H. G. Ramage, D. Hutchinson and N. D. Booker.

**100 Yards Back-stroke Handicap:**—F. Willis, B. S. Wilson, G. Saunders and P. Manson.

**75 Yards Individual Medley:**—W. B. Ure, F. Willis, T. Baker, W. S. Gegg, N. D. Booker, D. S. Wilson, E. A. Roberts and A. F. May.

**100 Yards (Scaled Handicap):**—F. Willis, N. Speeles, R. Goldman, N. D. Booker and G. Saunders.

**200 Yards Free-style Invitation Relay:**—Lai Tsun Swimming Union, The Army and European Y.M.C.A.

**Water-polo:**—European Y.M.C.A. (to be selected from H. C. Eardley; F. Willis, L. A. Benn, E. W. Railton, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, G. Thompson and R. Goldman) v. Middlesex Regt. (Goodair; A. Hymas and Quickenden; W. B. Ure; Bondon, Burdige and Jennings). Referee, Cpl. G. Bedford (Sgnals).

The Army Swimming team will be selected from the following:

Sgt. Hunt (Signals), Sgt. Hodges (Signals), Sgt. Bennett (Signals), L/Cpl. S'nter (Royal Scots), Bandmaster Jordon (Royal Scots), Pte. McHugh (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl. Quickenden (Middlesex).

## SUMMER GOLF COMPETITIONS

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Happy Valley Summer Foursome competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**First Round:**—J. Gellatly (18) and N. J. Bebbington (12) v. A. J. MacFadyen (18) and A. W. Muir (14); J. E. Dovey (16) and I. B. Trevor (17) v. A. L. Powell (18) and W. J. Butler (11); A. D. Humphreys (9) and L. M. S. Lloyd (12) v. R. Forrest (3) and J. W. Anderson (10); F. J. de Rome (8) and G. W. Reeve (11) v. H. H. Mundy (9) and W. Stoker (12); A. K. Mackenzie (6) and Col. Matthews (12) v. J. M. Thomson (9) and N. J. Booker (13); A. J. Dennis (6) and W. S. Hillier (7) v. J. Linaker (12) and G. W. Sewell (11).

### Experts Confounded

Bendigo was not conceded much of a chance of winning, according to the betting figures, but it confounded the experts! Jumping out into the lead, Twinkling Star kept in front right up to the half-mile post, when it dropped right back. Meanwhile Anzac Day, ridden by Mr. Hearne, took the lead on coming into the Home Straight, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) on the outside. Bendigo on the rails and Maple Star (Mr. Tao) two lengths behind, challenging strongly. At the distance post Mr. Pan applied the whip to Bendigo, and the pony responding magnificently, the race was over. A short distance from the post, Mr. Pih appeared sure of second place, but Twinkling Star came up on the outside, and these two were neck-and-neck over the remaining distance. Amid great excitement, Twinkling Star got the better of the argument.

In this race, Corvette, with Mr. Treverton up, sustained a badly broken shoulder blade, as the result of a fall, and the pony was later destroyed. Mr. Treverton was very lucky in getting off

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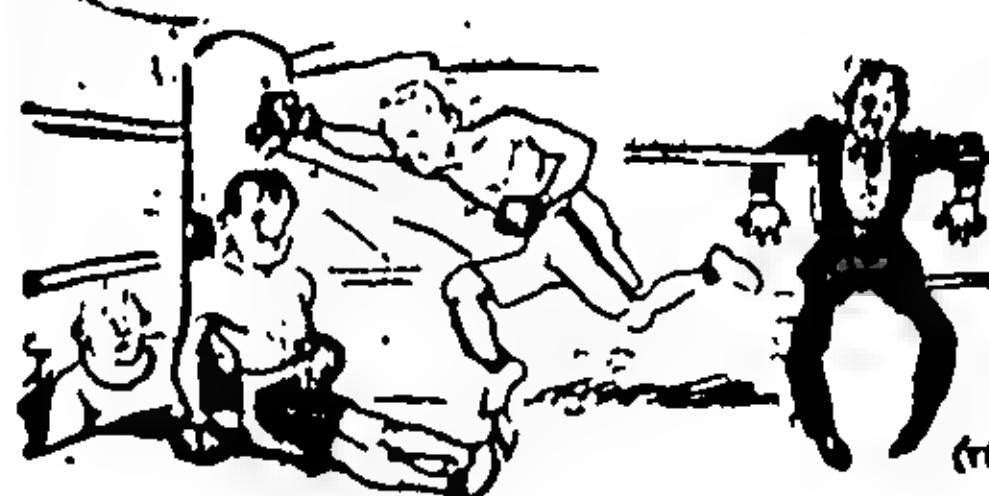


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## JOE LOUIS TO MEET CONN

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will defend his title June 18 at the Polo Grounds against Billy Conn, world light-heavyweight champion campaigning in the heavyweight ranks, Mike Jacobs, leading promoter, announced recently in New York.

Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, brother of Max, former world champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 22, Buddy would oppose Conn on June 18.

Abe Simon, youthful Jewish bantam, will probably get a title crack at Louis, if the negro is still world champion, in July and Lou Nova, hulky Californian, would meet the titleholder in September.

Simon, last month, went 13 rounds against Louis, before losing on a technical knockout. The excellent and surprising display put up by Simon resulted in a promise by Jacobs that he would get a return bout.

Nova, known as the "Hard Luck Kid" because of numerous illnesses, recently revealed top flight ability when he crushed former champion Max Baer.

## JACK HOBBS FINED

"We will have to make the score a double figure," said Mr E. Trim, chairman of the Wimbeldon Beach, recently, imposing a fine of 20s on Jack Hobbs, the cricketer, for showing a light in the black-out at his flat at Woodhouse, Wimbeldon.

Mr. Hobbs explained that his son, who had just returned from duty overseas, was spending the evening at the flat with his wife. In putting their child to bed near the window in a small room they displaced the black-out curtain,

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## BASEBALL

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## Easy Wins For Tulsa And H.B.

By "Grandstand"

Baseballers had the first real taste this year of Old Man Sol's merciless blistering rays in two pre-season friendlies over the week-end, in which the U. S. S. Tulsa squad ran over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa nine 12-4 on Saturday, and the Hong Kong Brewers severely trounced Royal Engineers by 10-1 on Sunday.

In the Tulsa-Chung Hwa scuffle, the winners utilised two mound-men, MacClunahan toiling on the slab for three frames, during which time he fanned four and walked seven and only doled out one single, whilst Strickland whiffed one and passed four to the remaining three stanzas.

Losing pitcher Al Lau conceded 13 blows, being then relieved by Bill Chang in the sixth. Lau issued four free tickets to first and accounted for two Tulsamen via the strikeout route.

### Shirtless Maxie!

Shirtless Maxie Maxwell, lead-off batter, for the blue-jackets, worked Lau for a pass and scored on Simmons' fielder's choice to chalk up the first marker for the sation, whilst Peterson's rasping double to right pushed Simmons over the rubber for a two-run start. Chung Hwa being retired in their half of the inning in one-two-three order without reaching first base.

Combining slabster Lau for four catlets in the second stanza, the Tulsamen spiked the rubber three times to increase the lead, although Lau dented the payoff station on Grandpa Leung's slashing single through short.

Six Annie Oakleys on three wild pitches in the third by MacClunahan saw two more Chung Hwa talles cross the pan, whilst Strickland pitched one into the dirt in the fourth for another Chung Hwa marker, for the Leungmen to trail behind 4-6.

Swinging at Lau's first offering in the fifth, Maxie Maxwell connected for a four-inster and, taking advantage of Lau's crack-up, Simmons poked one out to deep centre for another round-tripper. Another cluster of four runs in the sixth on four bunched up hits cinched the game for the Tulsaans.

### Grandpop Takes Honours

Grandpa Leung took batting honours with a perfect hitting performance in his two trips to the plate, connecting for two of his team's three blows, whilst both Tulsamen Simmons and Richardson were good for a three in five performance, the former including a homer and a double in his three blows.

Blanking the Hong Kong Brewers in the first frame, Royal Engineers cracked up under the pressure and were trinned 10-1 in an erratic display. The Sappers' first and only tally came in the fourth whilst the Brewers produced clusters of three runs each in the third and fourth frames in a free-scoring spree.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard pitched for the winners, whilst Lefty Sarsfield was the losing chucker.

## WAR CUP FINAL REPLAY

The football War Cup Final replay date has been changed from May 21 to May 31, on Blackburn Rovers' ground.

The alteration is due to an earlier date having been fixed for the semi-finals of the Inter-Allied Services Cup, for which the Civil Defence Air Force and the Army survive, and there would otherwise be team difficulties.

Arsenal are known to have been worrying as eight of their Cup players are either airmen or soldiers and others in the civil defence and it would have meant a reserve team against Preston, if the Service Cup obligations were kept. — Reuter.

## PONY CLASSIFICATION

Alterations and additions to Classification lists, dated March 23, 1941, are as follows:

### AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Brown Derby to "B" Class; Dashing Beauty, Graceful View, Ratio Decidendi to "C"; Australian Prince, Double Dutch, Harmony Star, Sydney Diamond to "D"; Archibet, Arnebier, Blue Gown, Boneshaker, Luxury, Ophir, Ponconos, Spurts Lady, War Tax to "E".

CHINA PONIES  
Jane Doe, Just in Time, Oscar Zylch, Rose Evelyn to "D".

## POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

The Gymkhana of the Hong Kong Polo Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund has been postponed to Saturday, May 24. Entries for the "Show Jumping Competition" will be accepted up to noon on Saturday, May 17.



## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:

### CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division "A" (v. P.R.C., Home) J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip) L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. R. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip) F. X. Soares, I. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip)

First Division "B" (v. C.S.C.C., Away) C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip)

F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Sousa and B. Basto (Skip) C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip)

Second Division (v. P.O.C., Home) E. L. Barros, N. Beltrao, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip)

A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip) A. F. Noronha, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. A. Remedios (Skip)

Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away) A. A. Roza, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip) Pat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip)

I. A. Rozario, B. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip)

## ARMY TENNIS

Two "B" Division Army Tennis League matches were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when the Royal Army Medical Corps "B" and Royal Scots scored wins over Royal Engineers "C" and Middlesex, respectively.

Following were the detailed scores:

R.E. "C" v. R.A.M.C. "B" Spence and Pelham (R.E.) beat Shorthouse and Parkin, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

Kehoe and Hawkins (R.E.) lost to Curran and Dunne, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.

Grant and Moxham (R.E.) lost to Langley and Gunson, 6-8, 6-4, 7-9.

R.S. v. Middlesex Sgt. Alsey and L/Cpl. Glassgow (R.S.) beat Pte. Mellor and Pte. Sheehan, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Dibble (R.S.) beat R.S.M. Challis and L/Sgt. Bull, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Cpl. Ooton and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Wood and L/Sgt. Bond, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

## CHESS RESULTS

In the Colony Junior Chess championship last night, Un Kwal-yung beat J. Tausz. Earlier in the week R. C. Gardner defeated E. M. Petrove.

In the Junior Club championship, A. C. Poupard beat J. Greifeld in the first of a series of three games in the play-off.

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# ATTEMPT TO "TARANTO" BRITISH BATTLE FLEET

## Eye-Witness Account Of Dramatic Night Action Spectacular Barrage Put Up

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Barham)

HOW MORE THAN 30 WARSHIPS, WITH GUNS ABLAZE, BEAT OFF AN ATTEMPT BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT TO "TARANTO" THE BRITISH BATTLE FLEET WHILE IT WAS STEAMING IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN, CAN NOW BE TOLD.

No damage was sustained by any British ship in this engagement, which was briefly reported in an Admiralty communiqué on Saturday.

The encounter produced the heaviest and most spectacular night barrage I have yet seen, with firing continuing almost ceaselessly for 45 minutes against the enemy's torpedo-bombers.

FASHION PLATE WHEN HE STEPPED FROM THE PLANE

Axial diplomats rushed to greet him, the Hungarian Minister loudly reminding him that he was dining at the Hungarian Legation that night.

Frau von Papen and their daughter, in white German motorizing costumes, accompanied the Ambassador.

The party entered an open Mercedes which led back to Ankara a long cavalcade of Lancias, Opels and Mercedes.

Ford taxis marshalled by accompanying newspaper correspondents struck the only discordant note in this atmosphere of splendour.—Reuter.

CARRYING A YELLOW CANE AND WEARING A BLACK HAT, VON PAPEN LOOKED LIKE A

## Papen Gives A Display

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, whose return from Germany, where he has been having consultations with Nazi leaders, had been expected for some time, arrived in Ankara last evening.

He came by air from Salzburg, where, according to German sources, he saw Hitler on Monday. Von Papen was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

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## NAZI CHIEFS ON QUIET DAY IN AIR

(Continued from Page 1)

time in office work.

His tiredness is understandable considering he carried out a remarkable 900-mile flight, landing in the dark at the end and parachuting for the first time in his life. Neither had he flown a Messerschmidt 110 before.

During his stay at the McLean farmhouse, Hess was in the custody of two British Home Guards, Jack Peterson and Robert Gibson, it is now revealed.

### Mapped His Route

The Guards declared Hess said: "I had no bombs in my plane, so don't worry."

HE HAD A MAP ON WHICH HIS ROUTE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND WAS MARKED IN BLUE PENCIL.

Hess said he had never been in Britain before but did not seem at all worried.

"He was the calmest man in the party," one of the Guards continued. "When I offered him a cigarette he said he didn't smoke.

"He was surprised to find we had plenty of milk and drank half a glassful. He complained he felt somewhat cramped after being in the plane so long, and that his ankle was very painful.

"He had a camera strapped round his neck but assured us he hadn't taken any photos."

Before leaving the farm, Hess thanked the Home Guards for their kindness and presented one of them with a drinking cup as a souvenir.

A collection of compressed food

There was very slight enemy air activity yesterday and no reports of any bombs dropped, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Activity was in coastal areas, mainly in the south-west, and one enemy aircraft was shot down in the sea by fighters.

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT THE TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED IN DAYLIGHT ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, WAS 15. AN EXTRA ONE HAVING BEEN CLAIMED BY THE GROUND DEFENCES AT A SEARCH-LIGHT STATION.

The destruction of three more enemy aircraft on the night of May 11 is now confirmed, making the total that night 12 enemy bombers.—Reuter.

was found on him by the military escort.

### Fell Clear

He told them he had fitted an extra petrol tank to the plane to ensure it would cover the journey, and dropped the extra tank into the sea as he approached the Scottish coast.

Hess circled over the spot where he landed, a long time, but in the gathering darkness could not find a suitable landing place.

He then climbed several thousand feet, threw the plane over on its back and switched off the engine.

Just as he was falling out of the upturned machine he again switched on the engine and sent the plane hurtling to earth while he himself fell clear.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Over 60 men were involved in a gang-fight on the waterfront near the Harbour Office shortly after 8 a.m. to-day when Chinese employees of the s.s. Kinshan were decoyed from their ship and attacked by a gang of hooligans.

Two of the ship's employees were seriously injured in the battle, in which the attackers used iron bars, wooden poles, and daggers, and have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The Emergency Unit was despatched from the Central Police Station, but on its arrival, the hooligans dispersed and disappeared in lanes and alleyways, none being arrested.

It was learned that the hooligans had been prevented from boarding the ship by the Chinese employees.

This morning when the vessel arrived from Macao, two men were sent on board to decoy the employees from the ship.

As soon as they left the wharf they were set upon.

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# TANKS BATTLE IN BLAZING HEAT

Five-Pointed Thrust By Nazis Into Egypt

*Commons In  
Dubious Mood*

## IS GIFT HORSE A TROJAN?

"Obviously a further statement will be made in the near future regarding the flight to this country of this very high and important Nazi leader," declared Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday when invited to make a statement about Rudolf Hess.

Mr. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of the German radio reference to "total instability" and asked whether the Premier had any information on this subject.

Another member asked whether the Premier was taking steps with the Minister of Information to see that "this piece of news is dealt with with skill and imagination."

MR. CHURCHILL SAID "THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE IMAGINATION IS SOMEWHAT BAFFLED BY THE FACTS AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES." (LAUGHTER).

Other supplementary questioners begged Mr. Churchill to bear in mind Hess's record of devotion to the evil genius of Europe. (Cheers).

They questioned the prudence of announcing that Hess was in a Glasgow hospital as being unfair to the people of Glasgow, who might possibly expect a rain of bombs.

THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED: "HE WON'T ALWAYS BE IN GLASGOW." —REUTER.

## DEATH DUTIES DECISION

THE ESTATES OF CIVILIANS KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION WILL HENCEFORTH NOT BE LIABLE TO DEATH DUTIES ON A NORMAL SCALE.

Relief will be granted on the same terms as those applying to members of the armed forces killed on active service.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer told the Commons yesterday that the new arrangements would be retrospective to the beginning of the war. —REUTER.

## IRAQ EVACUEES

Six British evacuees, women and children, from Iraq arrived in Karachi yesterday, according to a Reuter message.

## Flanking Move Turned Back

AN ENEMY FIVE-POINTED THRUST — AN OPERATION ENTIRELY WITHOUT SUPPORT — WAS MADE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN THE WESTERN DESERT IN BLAZING HEAT AND IN A SANDSTORM, SAID THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

The spokesman added that when they met with opposition the enemy columns retired to their starting line near Sollum.

## BENGHAZI TWICE SHELLED

Two bombardments of Benghazi, already announced, and various convoy movements have been carried out by British naval units operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period May 6 to 12.

An Admiralty communiqué states that during these operations nine enemy aircraft were shot down and one damaged, while two British fighters were lost.

Despite the usual exaggerated claims of the enemy no damage of any sort was sustained by British ships during these operations.

Thus, adds the communiqué, during the above period British naval forces in the Mediterranean destroyed a total of 16 enemy aircraft and damaged at least six others. —REUTER.

## SINGAPORE WAR LOAN

A new loan of £1,168,000 is to be raised in the Malay States for the prosecution of the war.

A previous loan of £2,386,000 has already been subscribed by the Malay States.

In Singapore, the Government of the Straits Settlements has announced that a new loan of £2,300,000 is to be raised and the money sent to Britain as a gift.

Previously, a similar loan of £2,900,000 was raised and sent to Britain.

## HESS NEPHEW IN U.S. ARMY

Gustav Adolf Hess, nephew of Rudolf, is now serving with a United States anti-aircraft battery in the Panama Canal Zone.

His father, Gustav, brother of Rudolf, died in the United States in 1920, says a Reuter cable from Bristol (Va.).

"There is every evidence the Germans are experiencing the greatest administrative problems, particularly supplies of water, food and ammunition," said the spokesman, commenting on the thrust towards Egypt.

In the thrust (says Reuter's special correspondent with a mobile patrol in the Western Desert) the enemy appeared to be using about 200 vehicles operating in independent columns without supply lines.

These would doubtless be established later if the Germans found they had penetrated far enough to make them necessary.

## Sunrise Attack

Starting at sunrise the enemy flung out five columns towards Egypt. All columns were engaged and the battle raged from the sea, between Sollum and Buqbuq, 50 miles into the desert.

The first German column, pushing along the coastal road leading to Sidi Barrani, encountered British advanced defensive positions.

Another column, which came down from the escarpment, curved southwards from Serand and endeavoured to advance in a parallel direction along the coastal plain.

## Immense Mobility

On the escarpment, two columns crossed the Egyptian frontier west of Sollum and south of the British forces.

The battle on the escarpment was one of immense mobility, since in the rolling desert columns can pass unnoticed within a few miles of the other. On the previous night, continues Reuter's correspondent, I returned from terrain on which this escarpment fighting took place.

## British Operation

I had been accompanying a highly mobile British patrol which, in the course of a lightning operation, had cleared all German troops west and south of Sollum out of Egypt in the course of a few days' fighting.

After reaching Libya the British patrol retired, having achieved its object.

DURING THIS OPERATION THE BRITISH COLUMN MET PARTIES OF GERMAN TANKS, ALL OF WHICH WERE PUT TO FLIGHT AS WELL AS ABOUT 800 TRANSPORT VEHICLES. CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES WERE INFILCTED ON THE ENEMY. —REUTER.

## Empire Society Building Wrecked

The Royal Empire Society's building in London, which is well-known to visitors from all over the world, was severely damaged in recent air raids.

Practically the entire law library, involving between 12,000 and 15,000 books, was destroyed. In addition between 10,000 and 12,000 books were destroyed in the newspaper room, including the whole of the British Empire section.

Other losses involved a complete section on foreign colonization as well as irreplacable foreign periodicals and official journals of former German and other colonies.

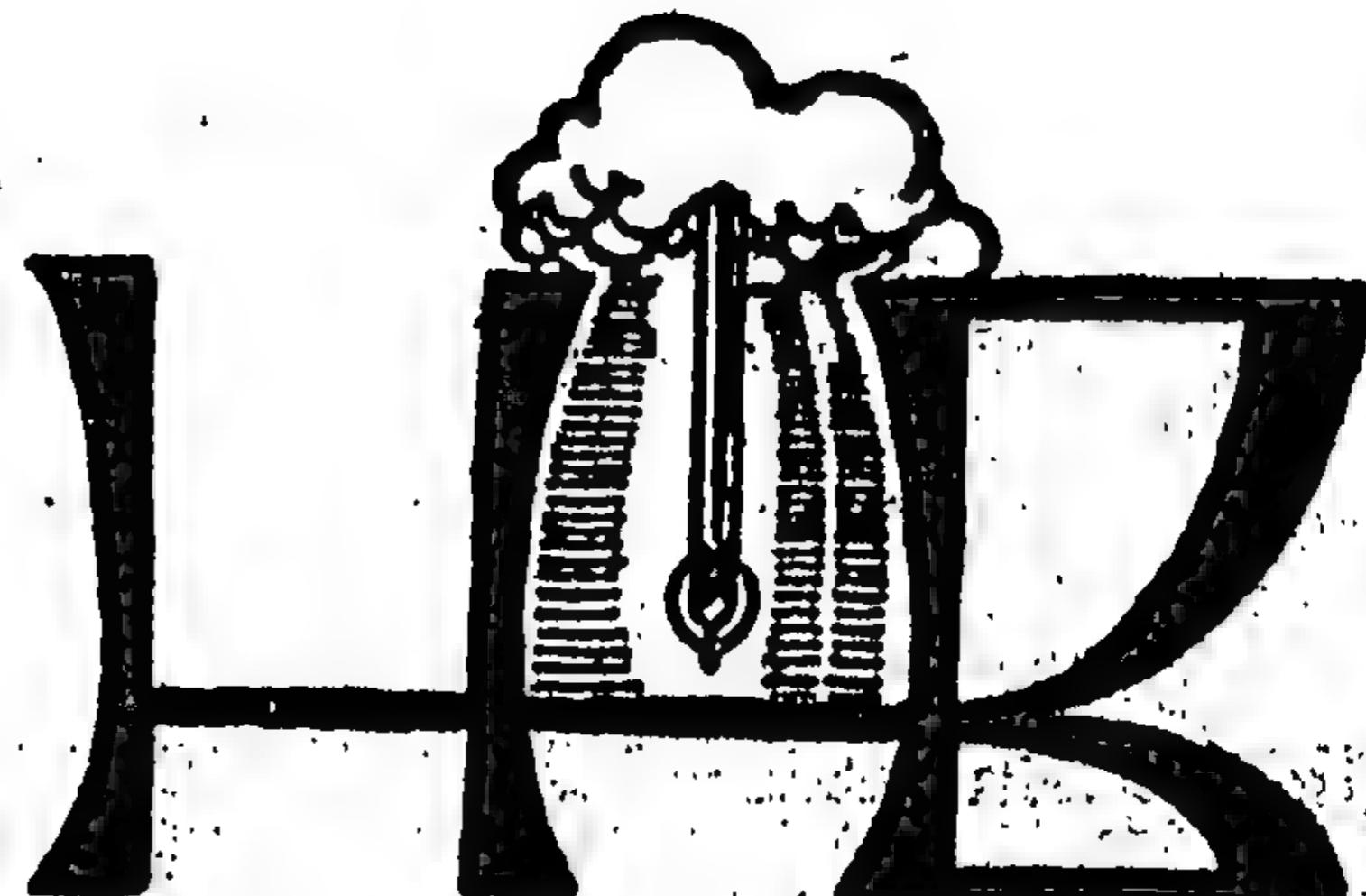
The entire Hind Collection of books concerning East Africa and the Gibraltar and Malta sections were also lost.

The administrative quarters, together with the India Room, New Zealand Room and social rooms, were gutted. —REUTER.

## FRAU HESS IN GERMANY

Frau Hess and her children are in Germany, states a message from Berlin, denying reports that they are in Ankara. —REUTER.

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## Hess Mad Or Engaged On Private Peace Mission?

### Nazis Unable To Make Up Their Minds On Rudolf

THE NAZI PARTY'S "EXPLANATION" OF RUDOLF HESS'S FLIGHT TO SCOTLAND HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED IN A PARTY BULLETIN, WHICH DECLARES THAT "A PERUSAL OF PAPERS LEFT BEHIND BY HESS DISCLOSES THAT HE LABOURED UNDER THE DELUSION THAT A STEP TAKEN ON HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE WITH ENGLISHMEN WHOM HE FORMERLY KNEW WOULD LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING BEING REACHED BETWEEN GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

"He has actually, as has been confirmed by a report from London, landed in Scotland by parachute near the place he wished to visit, and was presumably picked up there injured.

"Rudolf Hess, who, as was known to the party, has suffered for years increasingly in a physical sense and took refuge in various forms of hypnotism, astrology, etc.

Attempts to elucidate to what extent these people are to blame for causing Hess's mental disturbance, which led him to take this step, are being made. It is also conceivable that Hess in the end was led into a trap by the British.

THE WHOLE MANNER OF HIS ACTION CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THE FACT ALREADY GIVEN IN THE FIRST REPORT THAT HE SUFFERED FROM DELUSIONS.

"He better than anyone else, knew the many peace offers made by the Fuehrer, which came from the bottom of his heart. Apparently he laboured under the impression that by personal sacrifice he could prevent a development which, in his eyes, would only end in the complete destruction of the British Empire!

#### The Nazis Regret

Hess, whose sphere of activity, as is known, lay exclusively within the party, did not have a clear notion about this act or its consequences, as may be deduced from notes he left.

"The National-Socialist Party regrets that this idealist fell a victim to such fateful delusions. By this act nothing has been changed in the prosecution of the war against Britain, forced upon the German people.

"It will be continued, as the Fuehrer announced in his last speech, until the British leaders have been overthrown or are ready for peace." — Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA SWING TO LABOUR

As a consequence of the heavy swing to Labour manifested in the New South Wales state elections, supporters of Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Labour member of the Advisory War Council, consider his position has been strengthened in Federal politics.

Future developments depend largely on the result of the Federal by-election at Boothby, South Australia. A win for Labour would be immediately followed by a demand for the resignation of the Commonwealth Government.

The Labour leader, Mr. Curtin, declared yesterday "The victory will be a complete vindication of Labour's programme giving Labour half the seats in the House of Representatives."

If, however, the Commonwealth Government retains Boothby, according to expectations, pressure for formation of a National Government will probably be renewed by Dr. Evatt's supporters, who are already urging the replacement of Mr. Curtin by him. — Reuter.

### NANNY ON RUDY

"I refuse to believe Rudy is insane: there's either a serious Nazi split or else he has formed a far-reaching plan," declared Frau Paula, the old nurse of Rudolf Hess, in an exclusive interview with Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

Paula added "I nursed him until he was a grown-up boy. He was broad-minded, of strong character and extremely honest.

"From early childhood he vaunted of German invincibility and always fought for top place, whether at school or elsewhere.

"He often used to discuss important political questions with his father."

Hess, who was born in Egypt, received his early schooling there.

### CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was generally firm yesterday with sentiment cheerful. Leading industrials improved on country buying. Kaffir dividend payers met active Cape enquiry while diamonds were also good. Oils were firm, with Mexican Eagles and Anglo-Egyptian bid higher. Glittered and home rails were about unchanged. Among foreign issues Japanese and Chinese bonds improved. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

### VESSEL LOST

Reuter from Simla reports an official Government of India announcement of the loss by enemy action of H.M.I.S. Paravati.

### CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT SEEING THE WORLD

Captain James Roosevelt, has returned to Cairo from a short visit to Crete, where he delivered to the King of the Hellenes a letter from his father, the President of the United States. — Reuter.

### INEFFECTIVE RAIDS ON MALTA

A succession of attacks were made on Malta on Monday night by Axis aircraft, with little success.

A British communiqué says that despite the number of bombs dropped no service or civilian casualties were suffered and there was almost negligible civilian damage.

Yesterday morning the attacks were followed up by escorted reconnaissance planes, and in the afternoon a small bomber formation escorted by a large number of fighters dropped bombs, causing little damage.

Patrolling Hurricanes engaged the enemy fighters and some of these were seen to be damaged.

Civilian casualties were few although some were seriously injured and damage was done to civil government and civilian property, and a church and school were also hit. — Reuter.

### RUBBER DINGHIES FOR PILOTS

R.A.F. FIGHTER PILOTS ARE NOW BEING FITTED OUT WITH COLLAPSIBLE RUBBER DINGHIES — LITTLE ONE-MAN BOATS THAT ARE INCORPORATED WHEN DEFlated IN THE PARACHUTE PACK.

Bomber crews have long carried rubber boats and many lives have been saved through their use but hitherto the fighter pilot had to rely on his "Mae West" or life jacket.

Now that Fighter Command pilots are constantly flying across the Channel on offensive patrols into Northern France, they are to be similarly equipped. The new type of dinghy is packed with the parachute in a cushion on which the pilot sits in the cockpit. — British Wireless.



A useful salvage scheme is being worked in Tottenham under the direction of Mr. Robert Morrison, M.P. for North Tottenham. The scheme consists of selling bits of shrapnel picked up in the borough to a West-end firm, who make them into brooches and ornaments and which are in demand in America as souvenirs of the London blitz. Mr. Morrison says that a penny a piece is given for the shrapnel, which works out at £60 a ton. Photo shows: Here are some of the types of paper knives, complete with shell splinter handles. (Fox, Copyright).

### The Really Significant Fact

THE GERMAN SUGGESTION that Rudolf Hess is suffering from hallucinations and that his 'plane crashed as a result of an accident, was scathingly set aside yesterday by the "Baltimore Sun."

"His real crash," the newspaper says, "was when he crashed into the headlines. What is significant is that when a Nazi gets fed up his only safe course is to flee to the very country he had formerly sworn to put down. Whoever heard of a fed up Briton fleeing to Germany?"

Australian reaction to Hess's sensational flight to Scotland was expressed by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Commonwealth Premier, in Sydney.

"Hess's flight," he declared, "indicates the realisation within the Nazi hierarchy that Germany is unable to win the war against civilisation."

"The German radio is right. Hess has been suffering from a disease which has been progressing for years; he was, but apparently not now.

#### Single Idea

"The disease is Nazism, which has done more harm to the world in less than 10 years than all the scourges in history."

Mr. Fadden added that millions of Nazis, deluded with false promises, must now be occupied with a single idea. "If this is what Hess thinks of the war, what are we to think?"

In the opinion of Mr. W. Hughes, Commonwealth Navy Minister, "the flight indicates the first crack in the granite of the Nazi temple." — Reuter.

### LEASE AND LEND FIGURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") John M. Keynes, economic adviser to the British Treasury, revealed in Washington yesterday that the British believe \$7,000,000,000 is only the first instalment of the United States Lease and Lend programme.

Mr. Keynes disclosed that it was President Roosevelt who conceived the Lease and Lend idea, and added that he and other British officials feel the "figure will be increased."

Mr. Keynes stressed that this should be done "soon." — International News Service.

# NAZI CHEFS ON TENTERHOOKS

## What Will Hess Give Away?

### Tired Man, But Otherwise In Excellent Health

BERLIN IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN WHAT REVELATIONS RUDOLF HESS WILL MAKE TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE NEUTRAL PRESS IN STOCKHOLM.

Berlin is insisting that Hess was progressively being relieved of his responsibilities and is attempting to stress the "tragedy" of his case.

ALSO, IT IS SAID IN BERLIN, THE FLIGHT LACKS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.

In Stockholm, it is thought that executions may now occur in Germany, but if there are only imprisonments, then the whole affair will appear a clever trick on the part of the Nazis.

It is thought that Hess's farewell letter will not be made public but that an official communique may shortly be expected.

Meanwhile Hess is in bed in hospital and, save for tiredness, is comfortable and in good spirits, it was authoritatively stated in London last night.

THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH PYJAMAS AND ARMY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TOOTHBRUSH AND SO ON.

Though suffering pain from his injured ankle, Hess is quite well.

Hess spends most of the time resting, dozing and reading, mainly English geographical magazines. He has been given some novels and writing paper, pencils and ink and is writing quite a lot.

He is receiving the usual hospital food, such as boiled chicken and rice for lunch.

#### Lacking Exercise

Hess conveyed the impression to Mr. Ivor Kirkpatrick, former First Secretary to the British Embassy at Berlin, who knows him well that he has not been having so much outdoor exercise as formerly and has been spending much time in office work.

His tiredness is understandable considering he carried out a remarkable 900-mile flight, landing in the dark at the end and parachuting for the first time in his life. Neither had he flown a Messerschmidt 110 before.

During his stay at the McLean farmhouse, Hess was in the custody of two British Home Guards, Jack Peterson and Robert Gibson, it is now revealed.

#### Mapped His Route

The Guards declared Hess said: "I had no bombs in my plane, so don't worry."

HE HAD A MAP ON WHICH HIS ROUTE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND WAS MARKED IN BLUE PENCIL.

Hess said he had never been in Britain before but did not seem at all worried.

"He was the easiest man in the party," one of the Guards continued. "When I offered him a cigarette he said he didn't smoke."

"He was surprised to find we had plenty of milk and drank half a glassful. He complained he felt somewhat cramped after being in the plane so long, and that his ankle was very painful."

"He had a camera strapped round his neck but assured us he hadn't taken any photos."

Before leaving the farm, Hess thanked the Home Guards for their kindness and presented one of them with a drinking cup as a souvenir.

A collection of compressed food was found on him by the military escort.

#### Fell Clear

He told them he had fitted an extra petrol tank to the plane to ensure it would cover the journey, and dropped the extra

### GERMAN RED SEA THREAT

Operations of German forces in the Red Sea will have to be reckoned with as a result of the development of the war in the eastern Mediterranean, it was officially announced on the German radio last night.

Every ship that sails in this territory, which has become an area for operations, therefore risks destruction by mines and other means of war, states the announcement.

The German Government therefore warns ships not to navigate in the following area: the northern part of the Red Sea, including the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aden, as far as the Tropic of Cancer, excluding the territorial waters of Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

### BEAVERBROOK FUNCTION

LORD BEAVERBROOK'S FUNCTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS WERE FURTHER DEFINED BY MR. CHURCHILL IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The Cabinet Defence Committee will work in two sections — operations and supply.

Mr. Attlee will be deputy chairman of the former and Lord Beaverbrook of the latter. Lord Beaverbrook will also act as referee on majority questions.—Reuter.

### RELEASE OF ESTELLE DEMANDED

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL" NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN VESSEL "ESTELLE," SEIZED BY THE JAPANESE IN SHANGHAI AS THE SHIP WAS UNLOADING A LARGE COTTON CARGO, HAVE STARTED BETWEEN THE OWNERS AND THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

The U.S. consular authorities, meanwhile, have lodged a formal protest.

The Japanese indicated the cargo is considered as contraband but do not say whether it will be seized or returned later. — International News Service.

### MR. CHURCHILL SEES THE KING

Mr. Winston Churchill had an audience of the King yesterday, says Reuter from London.

### AN UNDERWATER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board a Dutch Submarine)

"AN UNDERWATER LEAGUE OF NATIONS" — such is a certain submarine flotilla now serving with the Allies. Besides British it contains Dutch, French and Polish submarines, all working in excellent cooperation.

How Dutch vessels came to join forces with the British Navy, despite attempts by German bombers to prevent them, was told by C. H. Pul, 34-year-old commander of this Dutch submarine.

"My submarine and another were at large when Holland was overrun," he said. "I went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and joined the British and later crossed the Atlantic to Britain. Altogether we must have covered 10,000 miles."

"Three other Dutch submarines patrolling off the Dutch coast slipped over to Britain, too, accompanied by others which were only half completed. They were dive-bombed by the Germans on the way but escaped undamaged."

"When we arrived in Britain we expected there might be difficulties but only a few minor ones arose and these were soon straightened out: cooperation between ourselves and the British is excellent and this applies equally to the Poles and French."

#### Piece Of Luck

"As regards material and personnel, we are under Netherlands Naval Headquarters in London but

### SWEDEN FIRES ON NAZI 'PLANES

Swedish A.A. guns fired on two German 'planes which were flying towards Linköping, in the province of Södermanland, in south Sweden, yesterday morning, says Reuter from Stockholm. The 'planes were forced to turn back.

### R.A.F. RAID ON MANNHEIM

THE SUCCESS OF MONDAY NIGHT'S R.A.F. RAIDS ON THE RHINELAND INDUSTRIES IS SHOWN IN FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The weather over Mannheim was variable but often clear enough to allow accurate bombing and good observation of results.

A heavy load of incendiaries and high explosives was dropped both on Mannheim and its industrial suburbs of Ludwigshafen, on the opposite bank of the Rhine.

Fires involved were among railway sheds and elsewhere in the centre of the town. — British Wireless.

### RASCHID ALI'S "TERMS"

Raschid Ali's terms for Turkish mediation in the dispute with Britain are reliably reported to have been delivered in Ankara by his War Minister, Shawkat, and are as follows:

1. British troops landing at Basra should not remain there but proceed to their destination outside Iraq.

2. Raschid Ali, while agreeing to an increase in the number of British troops in Iraq, insists that such increase and the manner in which it is carried out must be determined and settled by a joint Anglo-Iraqi commission.

Since these two points are contrary to the terms of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty, it is felt in Ankara that there is very little chance of Shawkat's visit being successful to the rebels.

#### Doubly Guilty

The Iraqi Legation in Ankara refused any statement other than that Shawkat's mission is concluded, although he is staying on a few days, probably to see von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador, it is suggested.

Raschid Ali's attempt to declare a Holy War against Britain is ridiculed and makes the rebels doubly guilty against their own people who owe their independence to Britain.—Reuter.

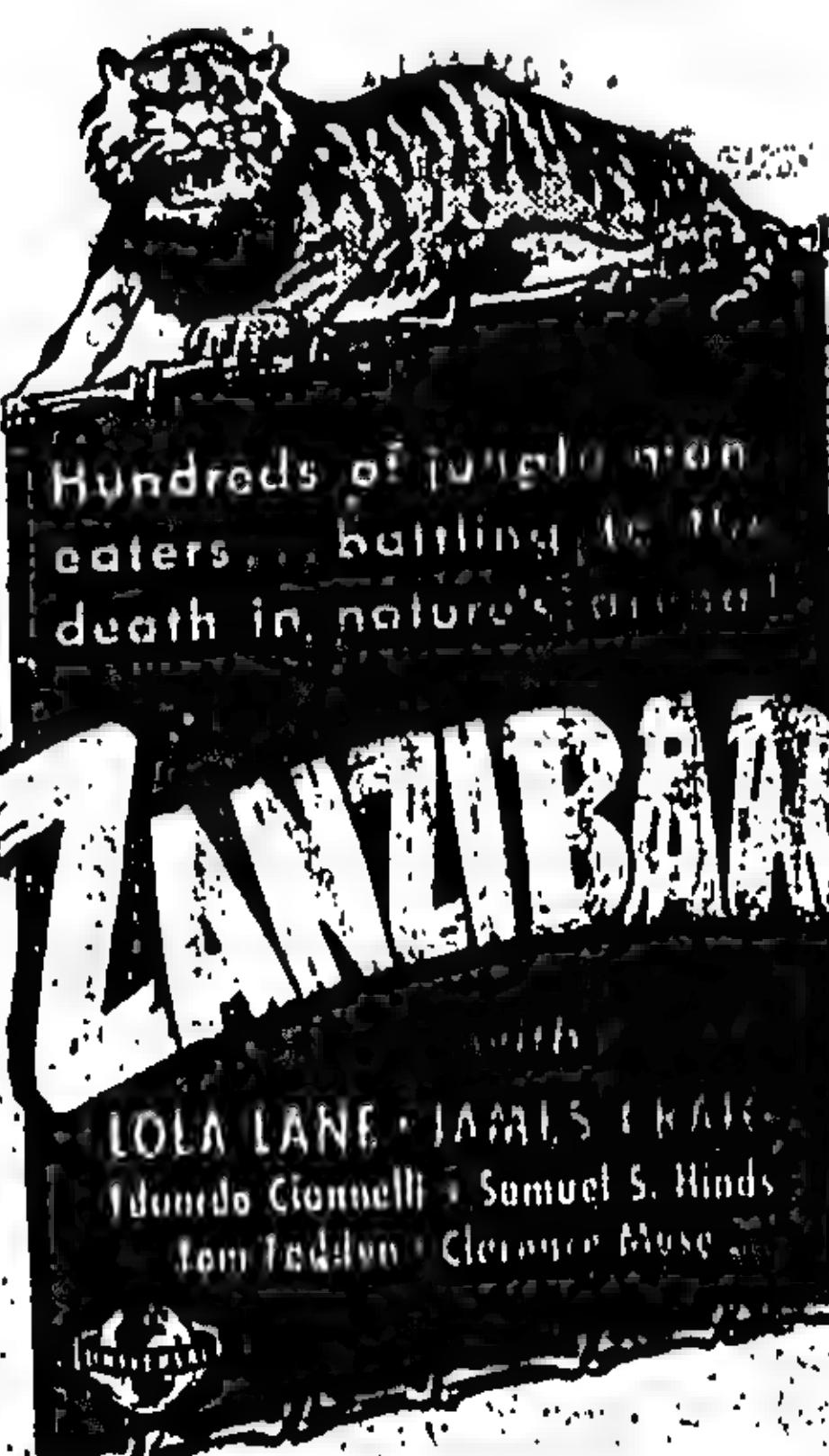
#### Egypt Offer Declined

Acknowledging Egypt's offer of mediation, the Raschid Ali administration, while thanking Egypt for the offer, states they are availing themselves of the Turkish offer which was received first.—Reuter.

### SKILLED MEN MAY VOLUNTEER

The Air Ministry Announces, "By agreement with the Ministry of Labour, skilled men in certain electrical and mechanical trades who hitherto have been reserved, may now volunteer for service with the R.A.F. Men of all ages from 18 to 50 are included in the concession." — British Wireless.

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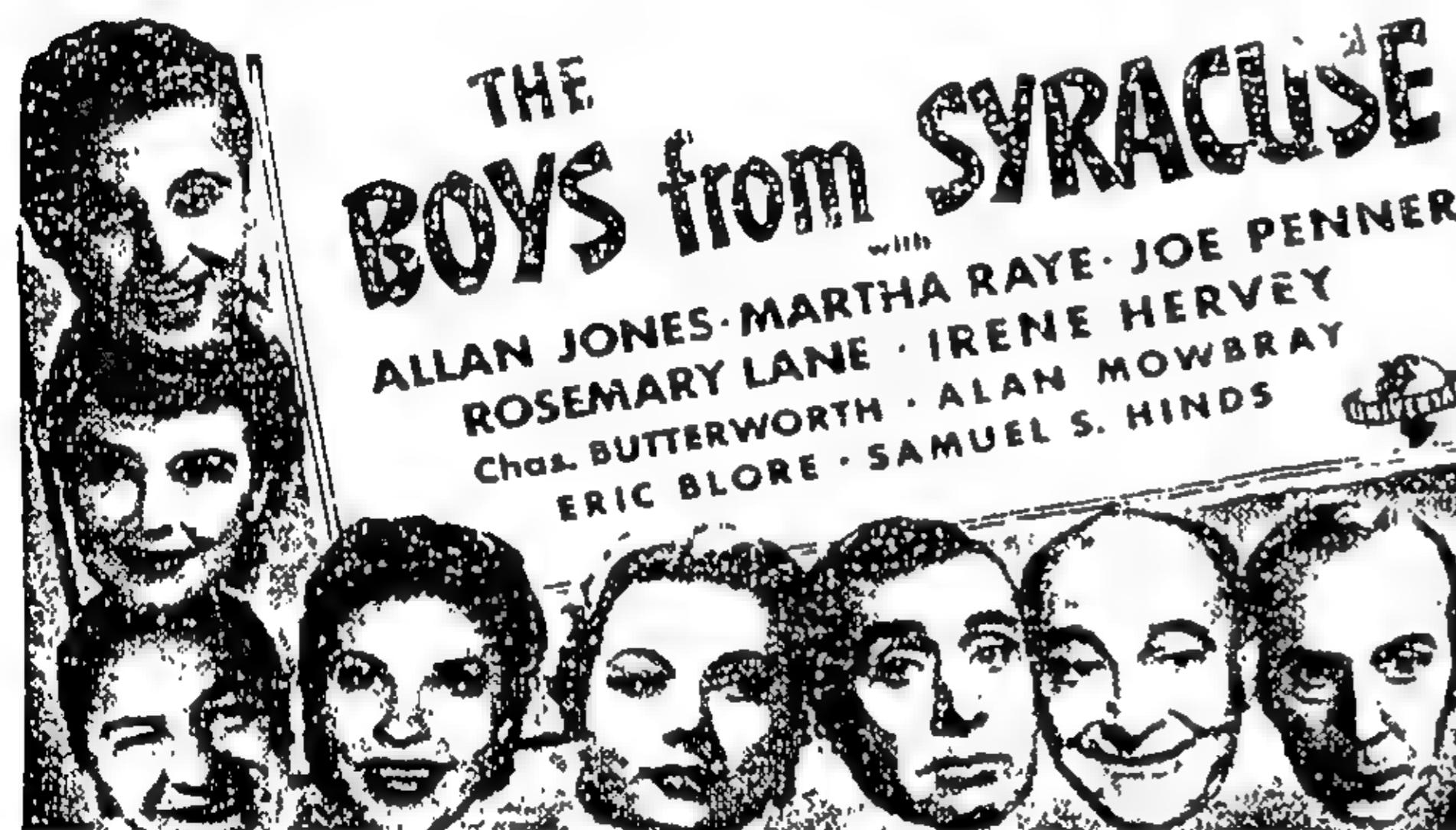
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# NAZIS DIGGING DEEPER INTO MIRE

"THE GERMANS HAVE experienced during the past year that military conquest is not the same as winning people's cooperation; on the contrary, the frontiers between the Germans and other peoples have been broadened, says the "Gothenborg Handels-tidning."

Europe, which the Nazis intended to unite, is to-day less united than before the war.

Notwithstanding her victories, Germany from the military standpoint is about as far from her aim as a year ago.

When the Germans speak of victory which is freeing Greek and Yugoslav prisoners it is making a virtue of necessity. They must be released to provide workers for fields and industries.

The paper continues: So much has been said about sinkings and the stoppage of England's imports but one forgets that Germany's occupied territories and communications are not either working smoothly.

They are at least equally considerable and vulnerable as traffic over the oceans.

## German Vulnerability

Mr. Widkiew recently said that communications were Germany's chief weak point and in a picture the "Volkischer Beobachter" gives an astonishing revelation of how vulnerable they are.

It shows that a 5,000-ton ship's cargo capacity equals about 600 railway wagons.

The picture aims at showing the damage one torpedo can cause England. But it shows also what a great, delicate and difficult apparatus German transportation over wide areas is. — Reuter.

## MORE ITALIANS CAPTURED

British operations in the Amba Alagi area of Abyssinia are continuing to develop satisfactorily and British troops advancing on the town have captured a further 200 Italians, according to a Cairo G.H.Q. communiqué.

In the south, despite heavy rains, the Imperial forces are continuing the advance in all areas.

In the lakes district, south of Addis Ababa, Imperial troops successfully assaulted an enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing 13 Italian and 14 African prisoners.

In Iraq there is nothing of importance to report.

In Libya no change is reported in the situation at Tobruk.

In the Sollum area, the enemy carried out a reconnaissance in force, advancing eastwards in five small columns.

When met by advancing elements of the Imperial mechanised forces in the area west and south of Sofafi, the enemy turned back. — Reuter.

## ANOTHER ADMIRAL CAPTURED

It was officially announced in Simla yesterday that Italian prisoners of war in India include 20 generals and one Admiral, while a second Admiral is expected shortly.

Camps have been designed to accommodate 3,000 prisoners. Four such camps make a group, which is guarded by two infantry battalions.

Seven such group camps have been established or are being established. — Reuter.

## CANADA'S RECORD BUDGET PASSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After less than a fortnight's debate, Canada's \$2,650,000,000 War Budget, an all-time high in the war or peace history of the Dominion, was adopted by the House of Commons in Ottawa without a recorded vote.—International News Service.

## Darlan Meets Hitler

Admiral Darlan was immediately received by Marshal Petain on his return to Vichy yesterday following his talks with Hitler and Ribbentrop.

A Vichy message to Berlin states a meeting of the Vichy Cabinet is being held this morning, when it is expected that Darlan will make a report on the conversations. — Reuter

## Ribbentrop Present

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") According to an announcement issued in Berlin, Hitler held a conference with Admiral Darlan in the presence of the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.

The announcement does not say when or where the conference took place.

A Vichy message states that an announcement is expected to be issued to-morrow after Admiral Darlan had conferred with Marshal Petain who has returned to Vichy from his estate in the Riviera. — International News Service

## Papen Gives A Display

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, whose return from Germany, where he has been having consultations with Nazi leaders, had been expected for some time, arrived in Ankara last evening.

He came by air from Salzburg, where, according to German sources, he saw Hitler on Monday. Von Papen was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

CARRYING A YELLOW CANE AND WEARING A BLACK HAT, VON PAPEN LOOKED LIKE A FASHION PLATE WHEN HE STEPPED FROM THE PLANE.

Axis diplomats rushed to greet him, the Hungarian Minister loudly reminding him that he was dining at the Hungarian Legation that night.

Frau von Papen and their daughter, in white German motor-cycling costumes, accompanied the Ambassador.

The party entered an open Mercedes which led back to Ankara a long cavalcade of Lancias, Opels and Mercedes.

Ford taxis marshalled by accompanying newspaper correspondents struck the only discordant note in this atmosphere of splendour.—Reuter.

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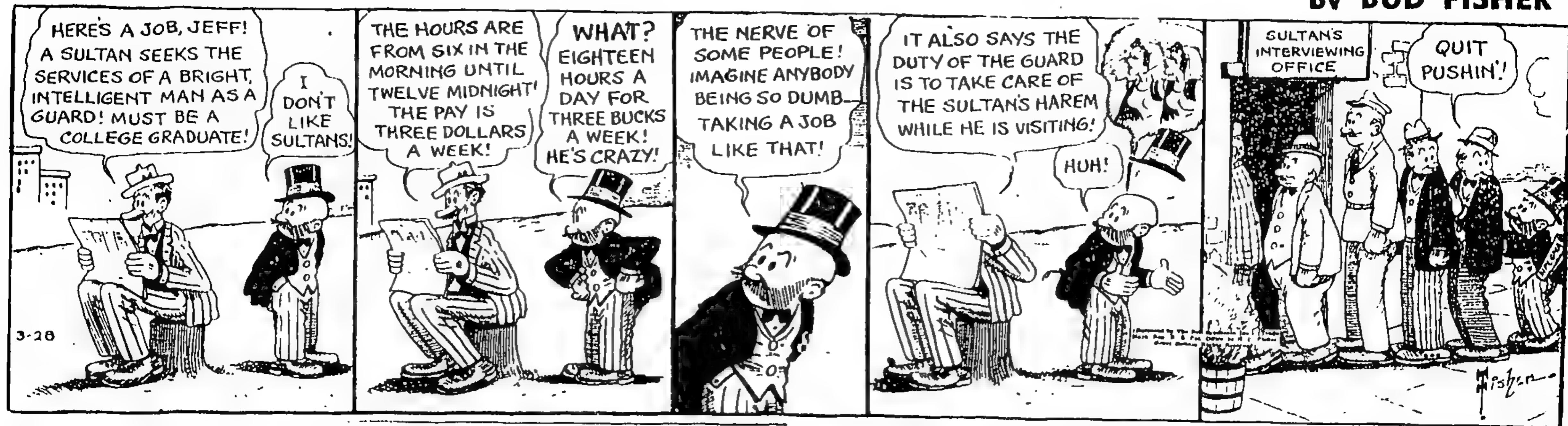
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CLEARED  
ROAD OF  
LAND MINESIndian Officer  
Refused Relief

Lying in a military hospital, suffering from split eardrums, exhaustion and shock, is a 21-year-old Indian officer, who performed what his commander described as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer, cold courage I've ever met."

He is a second lieutenant of Indian spotters, and the scene of his gallantry was the Metemnara Gondar Road in North-Western Abyssinia.

When our advance began, he was in charge of a party removing Italian mines from the road and its side.

In one stretch of four miles there were 14 separate minefields with up to 300 mines in each.

## Twice Blown Up

Despite all precautions, our ears were twice blown up, and on each occasion this officer was the only survivor.

After no had been on duty continuously for 48 hours the commander saw him with a view to relieving him by a fresh officer.

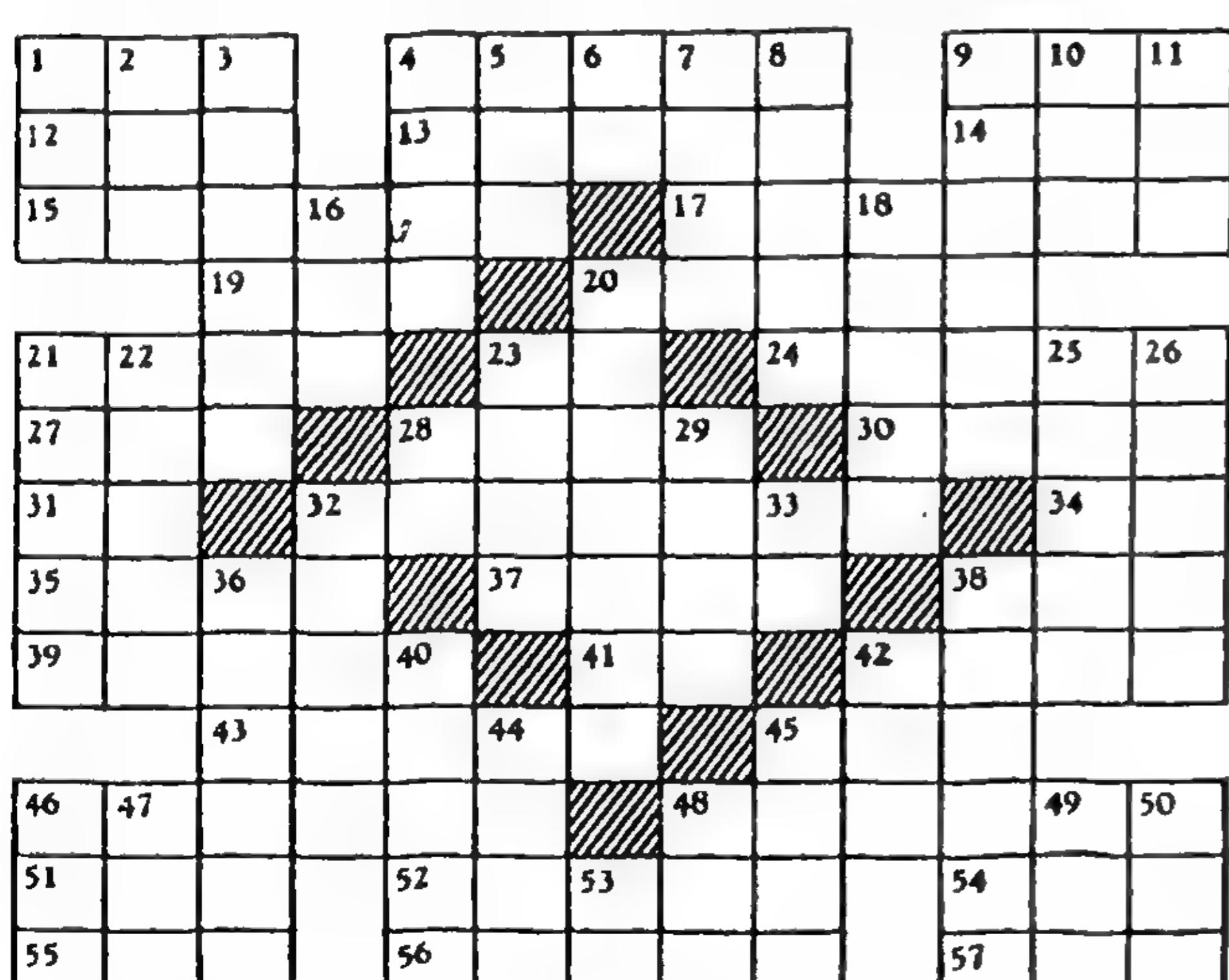
SISTER AGNES  
PASSES AT  
EIGHTY-EIGHT

**SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"**  
Miss Agnes Keyser  
Sister Agnes who founded the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London during the South African War, has died aged 88.

She nursed King Edward when Prince of Wales, and the present King when he was operated on for appendicitis. She was for years a regular guest at Balmoral and also had her own key to Buckingham Palace gardens. British Wireless

But he declined relief, declaring "I think I've learned the Italian's system in laying mines on the road. Any relieving officer would have to learn it all over again and could not possibly do the job as efficiently as me."

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1 Quick stroke  
4 Group of islands in the Pacific  
9 Resort  
12 Value  
13 States  
14 Church seat  
15 To receive  
17 To long for  
19 High card  
20 To entreat  
21 Destiny  
23 Chinese measure  
24 To step  
27 Beverage  
28 Section  
30 Woody plant  
31 Italian article  
32 Deception  
34 Note of scale  
35 To be defeated  
37 Theatre-box  
38 Large fly  
39 Saccharine  
41 Exists  
42 To imitate  
43 To beautify  
45 Folding bed  
46 Asiatic country

48 To stumble  
51 Part of "to be"  
52 Glandular organ  
54 Crude metal  
55 Free  
56 To slumber  
57 Encountered

**VERTICAL**  
1 Unexploded shell  
2 Ibsen character  
3 To scold  
4 Except  
5 Hail!  
6 Pronoun  
7 Aloud

8 Item of property  
9 Web-spinning insect  
10 By  
11 Fear  
12 Dessert  
13 Celebration  
20 To steal  
21 Neglects  
22 To permit  
23 Passageway  
25 Ancient story-teller  
26 Divine being  
27 Colloquial: father  
29 Labels  
32 Nourishes  
33 Symbol for cerium  
36 Burned  
39 Lowest  
40 Labours  
42 Mountain pass  
44 Wading bird  
45 To cavil  
46 Golf term  
47 Silkworm  
48 Price  
49 Before  
50 To soak  
53 Brother of Odin

INDIAN  
HEROES  
AT KEREN

An Indian officer with seven years active service, who took part in the storming of a fort at Dologorado, key of the main defences covering Keren, described the action as being as hard as any he had known.

"The fort had concrete machine-gun positions, a double apportion of wire and some field guns. Our runners did very well but could not find suitable positions to cut the wire and we simply had to advance straight up to the fort, cut the wire and drive the Italians out."

"After we had taken the fort we had not observation and had to for the first time to do some effective counter battery fire."

"Under its cover our battalion advanced to the top of a small hill just under the Italian positions on the crown of the height."

"We lay there several days sheltered from the right, left and centre, and having constantly to repel counter attacks, until we could advance again."

"There were many brave things done. Our platoon had been told to capture two machine-gun posts which had been troubling them. Instead of using the whole platoon the officer asked for one volunteer."

"The youngest man in the platoon he was only 18 ... stepped out, filled two haversacks with hand grenades and worked his way round behind the machine-gun positions, each of which contained four men." - British Wireless.

REPRESENTATIVE  
OF FREE FRANCE

M. Charles Baron, the official representative of General De Gaulle in the Far East, is at present in Hong Kong on an "inspection tour" of the Free French organisation.

M. Baron, who has replaced M. de Schompre, who is now with the central organisation in London, is expected to stay in the Colony for several days, discussing various problems with members of the Free French movement and the local authorities.

METEOR'S HILLSIDE  
CRASH

A meteor which appeared like a bright, ghostly apparition in the sky crashed into a hill near Flume, Italy, with a tremendous noise.

Crowds turned out to look for it, but could not find it. - Reuter.

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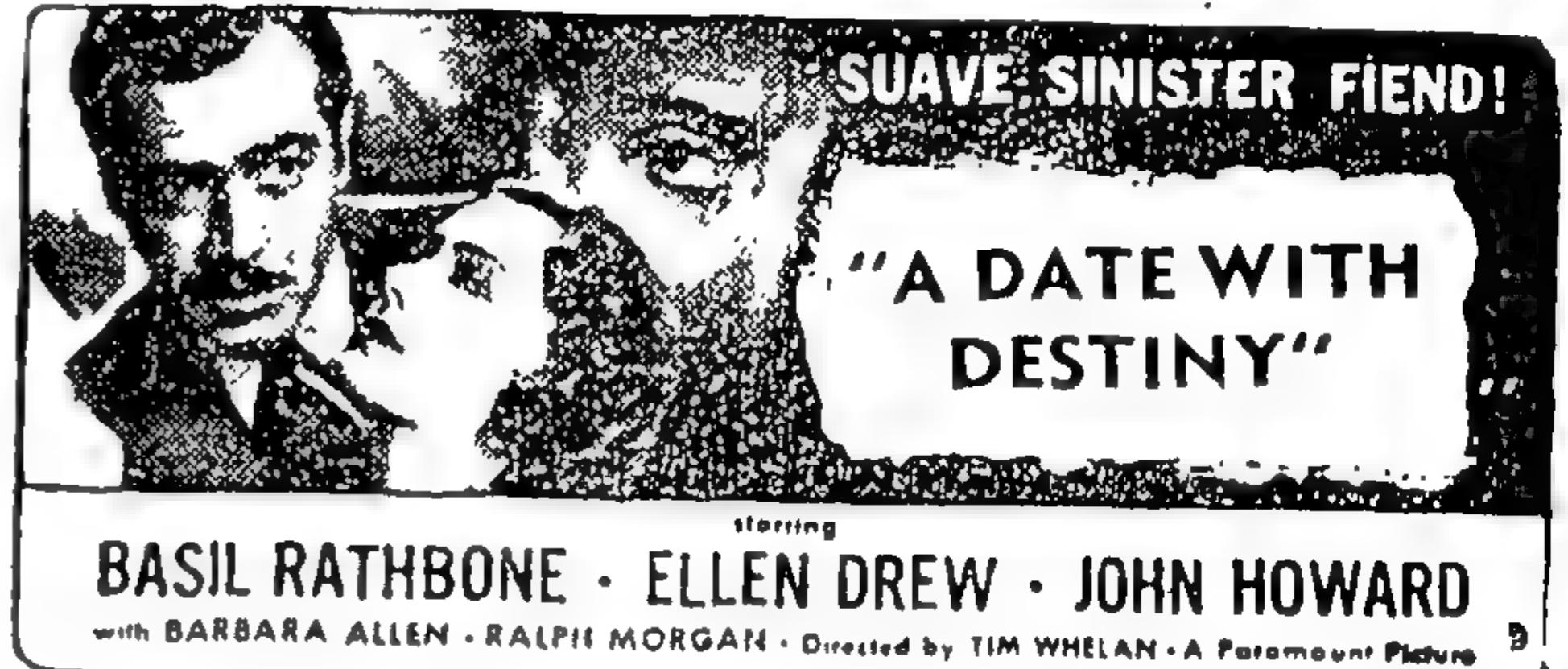
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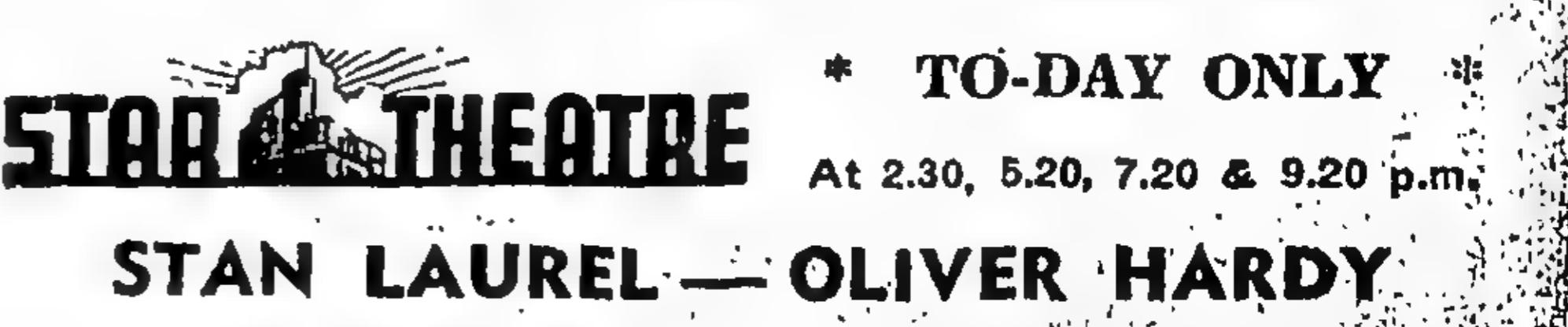
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Taken with the Polish Forces now in Scotland. Photo shows the Polish soldiers at work constructing coast defences.

## Britain's Fire Services Brought Under One Control

## EARL OF SUFFOLK KILLED

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire was killed by a bomb on Monday night, together with his secretary and five others.

The Earl, who had a colourful career, succeeded to the title at the age of 11. Since then he has been Guards officer, apprentice in the Merchant Marine and farm hand in Australia.

At the outbreak of war he became liaison officer for the Scientific Department of the Ministry in France.—Reuter.

THE WHOLE of Britain's fire brigade resources — now in the hands of 1,400 authorities in England and Wales alone — are to be brought under State control.

The Minister for Home Security announced in the Commons this drastic plan for combating air raid effects.

Brigades, said Morrison, will be grouped and directed in regions. Smallest units in the organisation will be sub-regions, comprising up to 30 local areas.

Mobile units for reinforcing and other special duties will be created.

Greater flexibility and speed and better direction and leadership are expected under the scheme than are now possible with the fire-fighting army divided into many small forces of varying size.

Most of the equipment is already standardised. Ninety per cent of war equipment was supplied by the Home Office.

Shortage of man-power will be met by the National Service Act of last April.

## No Reflection

The existing part-time Volunteer or Auxiliary Fire Service will become part of the new national organisation.

Mr. William Mabane, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, will supervise the creation and admin-

istration of the new organisation. Mr. Morrison added that it was no reflection on local authorities that the task had grown beyond local resources.—British Wireless.

achieve an understanding with England through personal contacts.

## Hitler Decree

A few hours before yesterday afternoon's disclosure by Deutschlandsender that Hess had flown to Scotland, a brief announcement had been made that Hitler had signed a decree stating that "the former official bureau of the Fuehrer's Deputy will in future be known as the Chancellery of the Party and the Chancellery has been taken over by me personally. Chief of the Bureau in future will be Martin Bormann."

Bormann, who is 40, has been Chief of Staff to Hess since 1933.

Meanwhile it can be stated that the Deputy Fuehrer, who since he landed by parachute on Saturday night has been treated as a prisoner, is at present in hospital where he is receiving treatment for a broken ankle. On arrival he was served out with the usual hospital equipment and late yesterday afternoon it was reported he was very comfortable, although suffering slight pain in the ankle.

## Officer Detailed

An officer has been detailed to attend to the requirements of the patient.

The newspapers emphasise the remarkable achievement of the flight indicating a high degree of physical and moral courage.

Although known as an expert aviator it was his first flight in a Messerschmidt 110 and he had never before baled out.

The last public speech in Germany by Hess was delivered on May Day at the Messerschmidt Works at Augsburg on a machine produced at these works in which he took special pride.

In the speech he said the development of these factories was particularly satisfactory to him for he knew them when the whole concern consisted of a couple of buildings which had now expanded into a vast series of gigantic sheds, and the few workers formerly employed had become thousands and thousands.

—British Wireless.

## WHAT GERMAN PUBLIC HAS BEEN TOLD

THE STORY of the escape from Germany to Britain by aeroplane of Deputy Fuehrer Hess reached the German public yesterday afternoon through its home broadcasts.

Prior to this statement by Deutschlandsender wireless station, information given to the German people was restricted to the German radio announcement mystifying the world with the suggestion that Hess was insane and had either met with a fatal accident or deliberately fallen out of the plane in which, defying the Fuehrer's orders, he had left Augsburg on Saturday last.

Observance of this silence until it could no longer be maintained will be readily understood. The German authorities were obviously placed in a position of acute difficulty by the Deputy Fuehrer's action, proclaiming as it does the unpalatable truth that stress and dissensions exist in the Nazi hierarchy.

As presented to the German public, Hess is now reported to have left behind papers tending to show he thought he could

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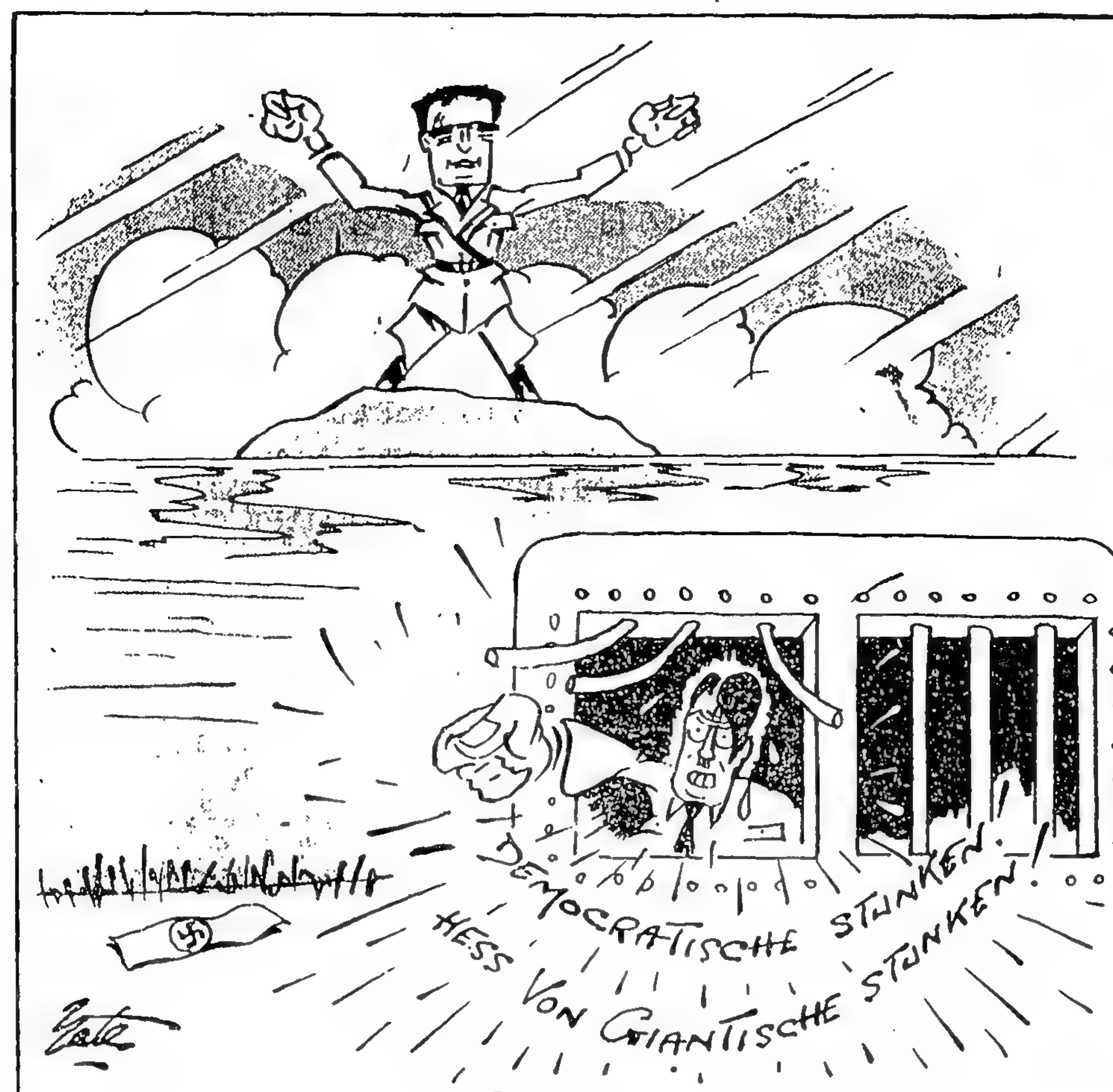
## THE AMAZING TALE OF RUDOLF HESS

The sensational desertion of Rudolf Hess, No. 3 in the Nazi hierarchy, first in succession to the Fuehrerdom after the gargantuan Goering, comes as so breathtaking a surprise as to leave nothing but complete bewilderment as to its underlying significance. The German version of this remarkable event can be taken for what it is worth. Truthful Joe, with his customary tireless efficiency, reached the ether quickest and sought to explain the lapse with the admission that, "sad to relate," a well-trained Nazi chieftain, long hardened in the school of villainy and chicanery, had proved the victim of mental disorders and hallucinations, and had soared into the skies intending suicide.

If Herr Hess, at any time in the tortures of making his decision, was contemplating suicide, he was curiously careful to take a parachute with him, and sufficiently componemtis to use it at the appropriate moment.

Moreover, the German fairy-tale factory, while making much of the note he left behind him to justify accusations against the mental stability of Rudolf Hess, wisely omitted to provide quotations from the farewell document. True, it may not have been polite about Hitler. It is not difficult to conceive for that matter, that an honest and bitter indictment of the Nazi terror in Europe, a gloomy prediction of the catastrophe towards which Hitler is leading Germany, would be instantly classified by Hess's astounded ex-colleagues as clear evidence of mental aberration. That to free peoples, outside the grip of Nazi mumbo-jumbo, it could be interpreted as the first sign of sanity would certainly never occur to them.

It is an interesting fact in itself, also, that the immediate instinct of a Nazi wrenching himself free from claustrophobic confinement, seeking clean air instead of the dark cavern of Hitlerian philosophy in action, should be to make for Britain. Apparently even in a German mind, impregnated by close contact for years with the most malevolent mentality in Europe, the vision of Britain as a safe refuge, as the bastion of liberty, the home of freedom of



THE BREAK

# Torpedo Pilots Of The Navy

Come aboard H.M.S. Somewhere in Britain, a school shore station.

The young man we are watching, aged somewhere between eighteen and twenty-four, already has airman's wings. He has qualified as a pilot before he joined the School.

Here, he graduates as a specialist torpedo pilot and he does it in five intensive stages.

First — Having flown various training aircraft he now flies the type he will use in actual torpedo operations, probably a Fairey Albacore or perhaps a Fairey Swordfish. These are the torpedo-bombers generally used by the Fleet Air Arm.

Second — Master of his machine, he does formation flying carrying a dummy torpedo slung in a steel cradle beneath the fuselage of his aircraft. He gets thoroughly used to the "feel" of that up-to-a-ton extra load.

Third — He learns team tactics — attack from all angles and by many methods. He smiles sardonically when he sometimes reads that an enemy ship zig-zagged to evade attack.

Fourth — Used to the "feel" of his dummy, he practices firing it at a target. He experiences for the first time the alarming sensation as his aircraft leaps anything from ten to forty feet upwards the moment it loses its load.

He has pressed the release button at the split-second when, after a breath-taking dive, maybe from 10,000 feet, his aircraft is on an even keel before it climbs steeply out of the hellish stream of imaginary enemy fire.

Fifth — Now our pilot is one of the first who have survived the

thought, still gleamed through.

What lies behind the dramatic flight, remains to be disclosed. But it is crystal clear, without that information, that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark."

By  
**John Cashel**

Well, only the Fleet Air Arm knows the explanation. There are torpedoes and torpedoes.

Sometime, during the five stages at the Torpedo School, the trainee has tried landing on boards that represent the deck of an aircraft-carrier. He practises on one set placed on the runway to represent the "round-down" of a carrier, on another denoting the spot where he should touch down on the deck.

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# TUNISIA FEAR OF ATTACK BY AIR

(From A Neutral Correspondent)

I HAVE JUST MADE A MOTOR TRIP TO BIZERTA FROM TUNIS, AND ALONG THE COAST TO PORTO FARINA AND CAPE BON. THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS ALONG THE COAST. THE MEN IN COMMAND THERE WERE AS COOL AS GEN. WEYGAND SEEMED TO BE IN HIS BROADCAST.

Bizerta is 60 miles from Tunis. To get a car a requisition is needed, for petrol is so scarce that, save for a dozen official cars, there is no transportation except by tram and horse-cab.

Those 60 miles are through rolling, reddish land. My French chauffeur remarked to me: "What will happen to the Italians if ever Tunis is bombed? They are already almost afraid to go to the Arab markets. It is a funny thing, but the Arabs think of the Italians as already licked, not us. Maybe we aren't licked."

But I found myself wondering what Goering's parachutists could do in these miles of open country. Then we dipped down towards the lake of Bizerta, copper and blue in the late afternoon sun.

#### Another Gibraltar

It is the mid-Mediterranean Gibraltar, and perhaps it is more formidable by standards of modern warfare, since it has a sea and land plane base as well as a naval base.

Eight miles of harbour run in from the sea, and a guide-book says that all the navies of the world could anchor here. At the moment all that lies here is a flotilla of rose flamingoes. At Ferryville arsenal, where the greatest war ship can be accommodated, there is an ancient gunboat.

At Bizerta itself, which lies along the canal that joins the lake and the Mediterranean there are three destroyers. At the base Si Ahmed hangars are all closed.

What matters is how quickly the dismantled coastal artillery, not to mention planes and anti-aircraft guns, could be put back into service, and how quickly the French Fleet could get here from Toulon.

Everybody knows the fleet can cross in 19 hours. The point is whether orders to sail would be given in time.

#### Threat From Sicily

Opinions vary as to the strength of the German concentration in Sicily. There is agreement on 3,000 or 4,000 men to attend to Nazi planes. Estimates of the aircraft vary from 200 to 1,000 and of German troops from 10,000 to 100,000.

On the number of French aircraft in condition, people in North Africa generally agree on 400. On the number supposedly out of commission no one agrees, any more than they agree on the number of pilots and Army and Navy officers who have trickled down in recent weeks from France.

Military authorities here grant that Italian convoys to Tripoli are hard pressed. The Italians dash from Sicily to French territorial waters at night and hug the coast. This has not prevented accidents, as shown recently by debris, some of it ghastly, cast up on beaches from Cape Bon to Sfax.

Because of shoals around Kerkenne Islands, off Sfax, convoys have to head out to sea, and it so happens that that is the point of the Tunisian coast nearest to Malta. It is seven hours by motor-boat.

It is the general opinion here that most aerial attacks on British convoys come from Sicily, as the airfield at Pantelleria, the island between Sicily and Tunis, is sup-

posed to allow only two planes to take off at a time.

#### Fear Of Air Attack

What fears are felt here are less of attack by sea in which the Italian Fleet would supposedly have to face the French, but of swift aerial offensive against forts and landing fields, particularly the field inland at Gafsa, where an Italian air command is based. There is also a landing field at El Aquina.

On this field recently there suddenly landed six Stuka bombers, with two officers and 10 men. They said that they had lost themselves on their way from Naples to Sicily, overshot their mark as a result of a tall wind, and finally hit the African coast.

The French commander informed them that they were interned, a fate they accepted philosophically. But later, by orders from Vichy, they were refuelled and allowed to depart.

Before leaving the German fliers quarrelled with the Italians, and to the French they noisily expressed contempt for their ally. The pilot and radio operator of a British bomber shot down over Ferryville are still interned, with 10 other British airmen.

#### WOMAN WATCHER SHELTERED

A woman fire-watcher, on duty when a fire-bomb fell, went to a public shelter 25yds. away, it was said at Bow Street when Debentham, Stern and Sons, auctioneers, of King Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., were fined £2, with three guineas costs, for failing to secure a watch "at all times."

The magistrate said many women had turned out to be admirable fire-watchers. This was an exceptional case.

#### "GUNNED" BY ONE OF OURS!

A string of machine-guns accidentally discharged from a low-flying British plane, sprayed part of a main road, pierced the roof of two houses, and slightly injured three women walking together in the street of a North-Western town.

An invalid woman standing in her bedroom had a narrow escape when several of the bullets, after penetrating the roof, thudded into the wardrobe. Although alarmed, she was unhurt.

#### AN ARCTIC LIBRARY

British soldiers are stationed in strange and lonely places — often doing jobs which are important but rather monotonous.

Iceland is one of these outposts, where through the long Arctic days and nights men keep watch for enemy ships and planes.

The radio is the closest link they have with Britain — any other news may be weeks old before it arrives by steamer across the dangerous North Sea.

A little while ago a crate of books was sent to the Iceland unit. The men wrote back, "Some of us who had been in Norway were sent to Iceland after only a short spell in England, so you can imagine how we are longing to be back in the middle of the fight. Your books are more than appreciated, and we thank you a thousand times."

#### THE AIRMAN HERO

# THROUGH FIRE--SAVED CHILD

HERE IS A STORY of dauntless heroism and of an almost incredible rescue. It is the story of Aircraftman Horace Dews, who struggled head foremost through an inferno of heat and smoke, writhing painfully down a hole partly stopped by a dead body and brought out to safety a little girl and a woman trapped under the ruins of a bombed and blazing building.

Aircraftman Dews, whose home is at Pontefract, Yorkshire, has been awarded the George Medal.

During a heavy air raid, says the official account, an A.F.S. crew were endeavouring to release a woman and child pinned against the basement wall of a demolished building by an iron girder.

Fire was raging, and the whole building had collapsed upon the basement, leaving no exit for the woman and child.

Aircraftman Dews dug away with his hands at the rubble. Heat and smoke were growing yet more intense. He forced his way head foremost into the hole, but had to draw back several times owing to the heat.

This was overcome by playing a hose on him as he struggled through the hole, reached the child, and crawled back with her in his arms.

Dews then freed the woman, who was pulled out of the hole just before the fire reached the spot where she had been trapped.

Aircraftman Dews was born in 1918 at Ossett, Yorkshire. He started work as a milkround boy, was a bus conductor in Wakefield, and joined the R.A.F. last March.

A regular passenger on his bus was the eldest daughter of a Durston miner named Gill, who worked at Pontefract. Dews married her last July. When home on leave he mentioned that he answered a call for volunteers for rescue work recently, but only added that he helped to get some people out of a shelter which had been hit.

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# BILL TO SOLVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' WAR PROBLEMS

(By A Political Correspondent)

Parliament is shortly to debate the war-time problem of the public schools. A Government bill to help them overcome war difficulties has been presented to the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon. Framed in consultation with the schools, it gives greater freedom in the use of trust funds.

Meanwhile the governing bodies of the public schools are discussing the post-war situation and whether application should be made to the Board of Education for inclusion in the Government's general scheme to remodel secondary education after the war.

The Joint Standing Committee of the Headmasters' Conference, representing governors and headmasters, will meet at the end of the present term to discuss the whole matter.

Under the new bill governing bodies would be empowered by

## CUTTING ARMY RED TAPE

Experts Given A Free Hand

Reforms in Army administration, designed to cut down the red tape of which Major R. H. Turton, M.P. for Thirsk and Malton, complained to the House of Commons are already on the way.

These are mainly reforms of office procedure. Others on the lines of decentralisation will probably follow from an experiment now being carried out in the Northern Command.

Major Turton said in his speech "The amount of paper, of time and of man-power that are wasted fill me with tremendous alarm." He stated that correspondence had gone on for seven months about a postal order for £1 11s., and that a lorry-driver's claim, following in July, had still not been settled. "Every bit of financial administration has to go up to the War Office," he said. "I used to trust that more financial responsibility in peace-time to my form-baillif than could be entrusted to anybody less than a corps commander in the British Army."

### Six Months At Work

For six months a committee of experts has been working to smooth out those entanglements in Army business methods which give rise to such complaints.

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They have studied the Army's complex usages of forms and returns and the system which requires so much "reference to higher authority." Certain internal changes have already been made on their recommendations and others will follow shortly.

The Northern Command experiment is meant to go farther and to give greater independence to the command in administration matters.

An authority said "The committee has been very busy, and it has made a number of recommendations, several of which have been put into effect.

"It is trying to cut down the paper work and the reference of matters from one person to another. In doing so it has, of course, to think of the timing of any changes, because they must not be allowed to cause dislocation or interruption of the Army's work."

The committee was appointed by Mr. Anthony Eden, when he was War Secretary. It has seven members, three of them business men. They are Sir James Grigg, Permanent Under-Secretary for War; who is chairman, Sir Percy Bates, Mr. G. W. Dunkley, Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Haining, Mr. R. J. Sinclair, Gen. Sir Walter Vennin, and Lt.-Gen. H. C. B. Wemyss.

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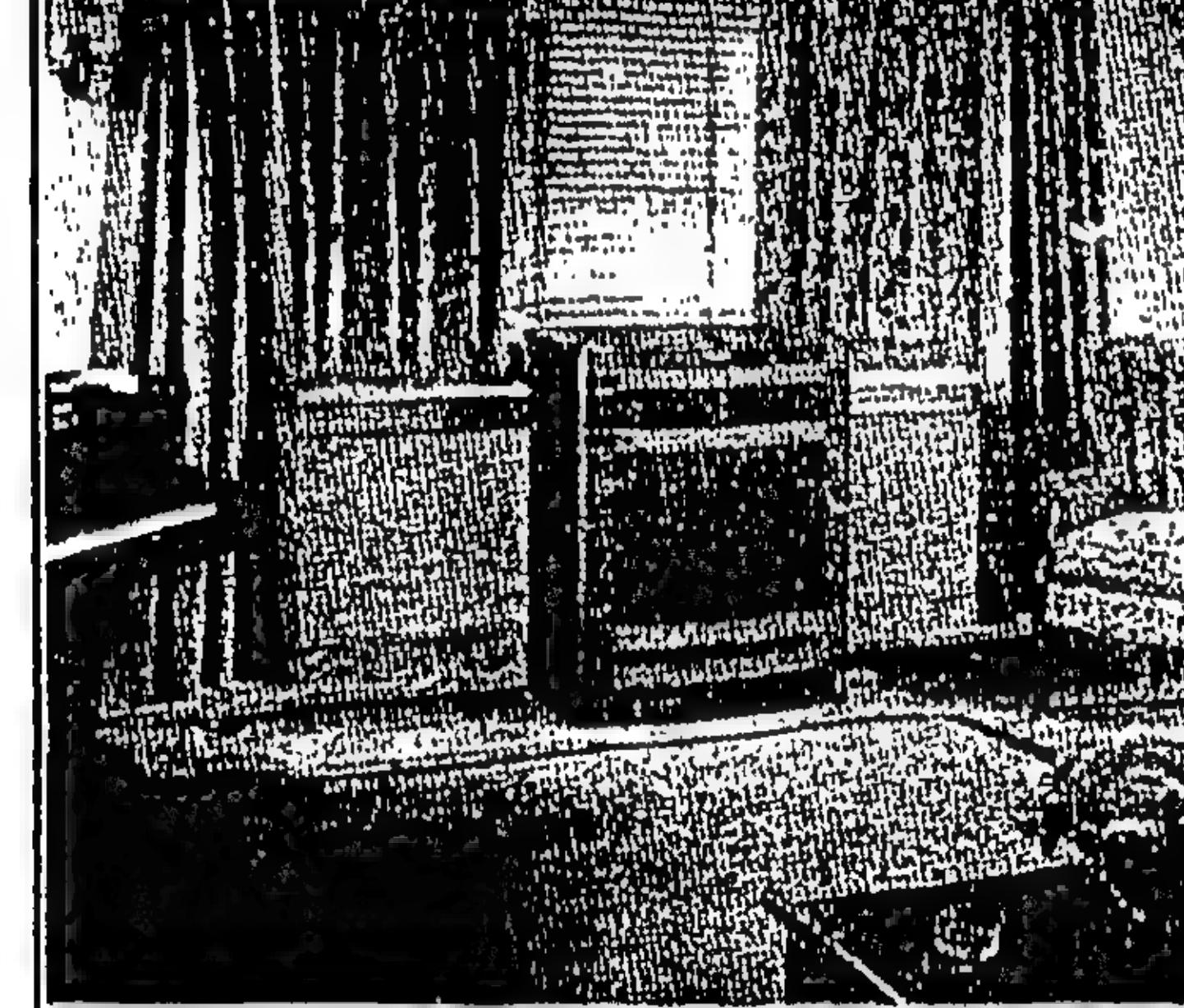


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## BRIDGE NOTES

## THE DELUGE

## By The Four Aces

We came in on the tail end of a terrible argument the other night at a well-known New York Bridge club. Here's the hand that set off the fireworks:

South, Dealer  
North South vulnerable

♦ Q 9 7 4
♦ 10 8
♦ K 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 4
♦ 8 6 3
♦ Q 6 4
♦ 3 2
♦ Q 3
♦ A 6

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♦ A K 10 2
♦ J 7
♦ 9 8 7 6
♦ J 7 2
♦ J 6
♦ A K 9
♦ A J 10
♦ K 9 8 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

When the smoke cleared, South had managed to win ten tricks! He scored 160 below the line, 1,200 for overtricks, 700 for the rubber!

West screamed to high heaven about a partner who could have passed one no-trump but chose instead to invite trouble by doubling.

East was just as emphatic in denouncing a partner who had the gall to pass a double of one no-trump, with a hand which was practically worthless defensively.

And as for passing the redouble—there East indicated that the language didn't have words strong enough!

We ducked out before anybody could drag us into the argument, but there was no doubt in our mind as to the rights and wrongs of the matter. East's double was perfectly sound and normal; it would have been very productive if West held fair defensive strength.

But West had only to look at his own hand and remember that East had passed at one heart! East simply couldn't have enough to defeat one no-trump! If West had "run" to two hearts, the hand would almost surely have been played at a part score contract.

Even if North and South had gone on to game they could not have scored 2,000 points.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ J 7
♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♦ K 9 2
♦ K 8 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Yon	Malev
1♦	1♦	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner cannot be looking for game, since he passed your raise to two diamonds. Since he is just trying for a part score, you have no reason to increase the contract, for you have bid your full values.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three hearts, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 715

To-day you are Edward Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♦ K 7 3
♦ A K 4
♦ K 5 2
♦ A K 6

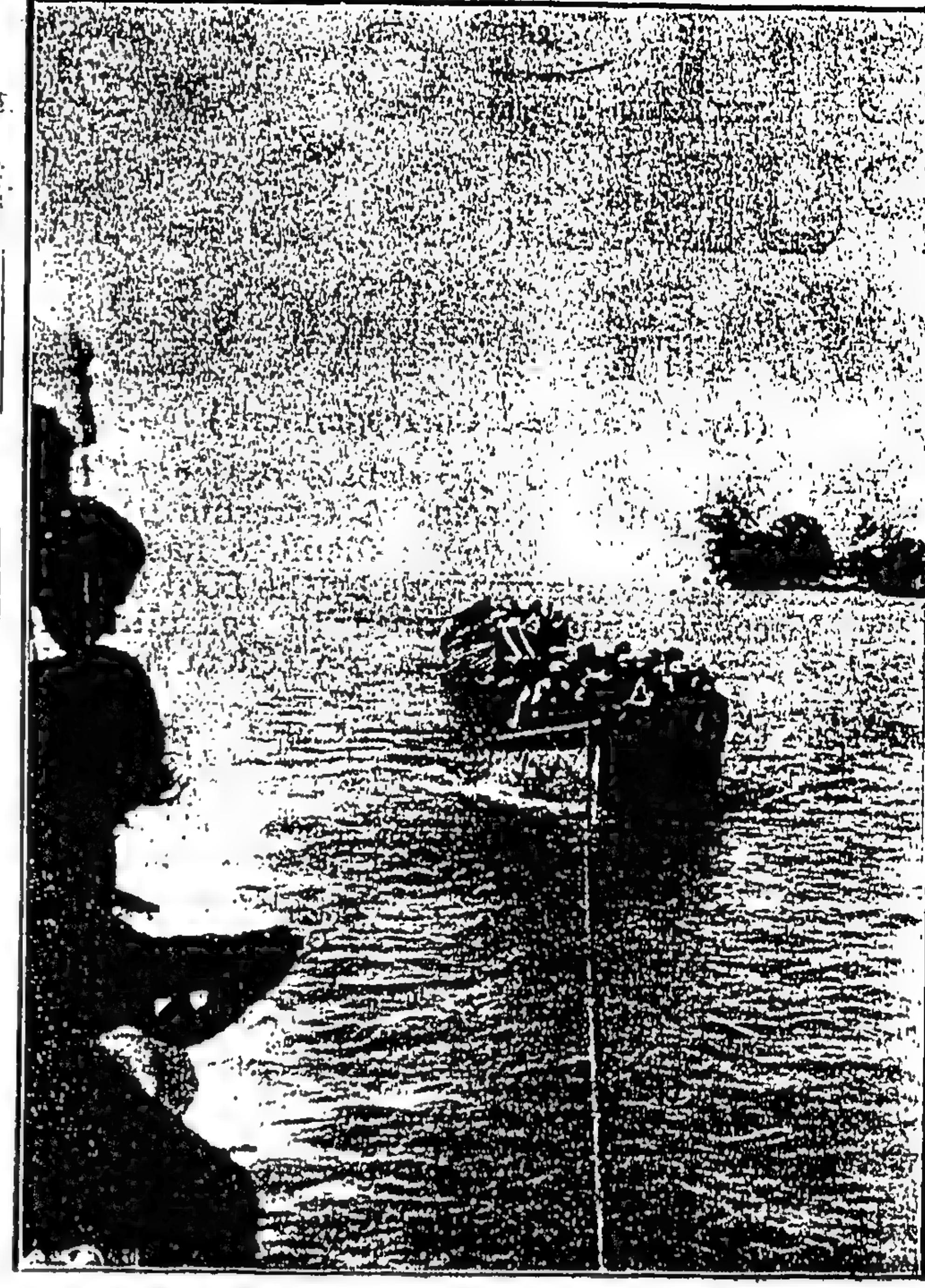
The bidding:

Schenken	Yon	Malev	Schenken
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## THE CHINA MAIL, MAY 14, 1941.



Some hundreds of victims of the German raiders who were taken prisoners from various ships sunk in the Pacific and who were landed by the Germans at Emira Island were rescued from the Island by the Royal Australian Navy. Photo was taken by a member of one of the crews.

## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession

12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Iolanthe"—Overture The BBC Theatre Orchestra cond. by Stanford Robinson.

"The Yeomen of the Guard"—Vocal Gems Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Trial by Jury"—Hark, the Hour of Ten is sounding. George Baker &amp; Chorus; In this the Court of the Exchequer? Derek Oldham &amp; Chorus; When First my Old, Old Love Derek Oldham, George Baker &amp; Chorus, All Hall Great Judge Chorus.

"The Gondoliers"—To Help Unhappy Commoners Henry Lytton and Bertha Lewis with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Reginald Foote at the Organ. Toy Land Medley Intro. Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show, The Toy Train, with Anton &amp; the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Reminiscences of Romberg—Intro. You will remember Vienna, When I grow too old to Dream; The Foreign Legion March; The Riff Song; Deep in my Heart, Dear; One Alone.

1.13 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections. South Sea Island Medley—Intro. Hawaiian; On the Lagoon; The Lei Song; Hawaiian Sunshine; Hawaiian Eyes....The Twilight Serenaders with Orchestra.

My Hawaiian Song of Love (Davis &amp; Astor); Down in Waikiki (Archer) ... Eddie's Hawaiian Orchestra.

Liliu E (Kauila)...Lizlale Alohaea (Vocal) with Royal Hawaiian Glee Club.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter &amp; Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—Blue Skies are Round the Corner; Novelty Fox-Trot—One Man Went to Blow....Henry Hall &amp; his Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trots—Adios, Marilou Linda; French...Artie Shaw &amp; his New Orchestra.

Tango—Red Roses; Vision .... Einil Rousz &amp; his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—It All Comes Back to Me Now; Talkin' to my Heart....Hal Kemp &amp; his Orchestra.

Waltz—By the Sleepy Lagoon....New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

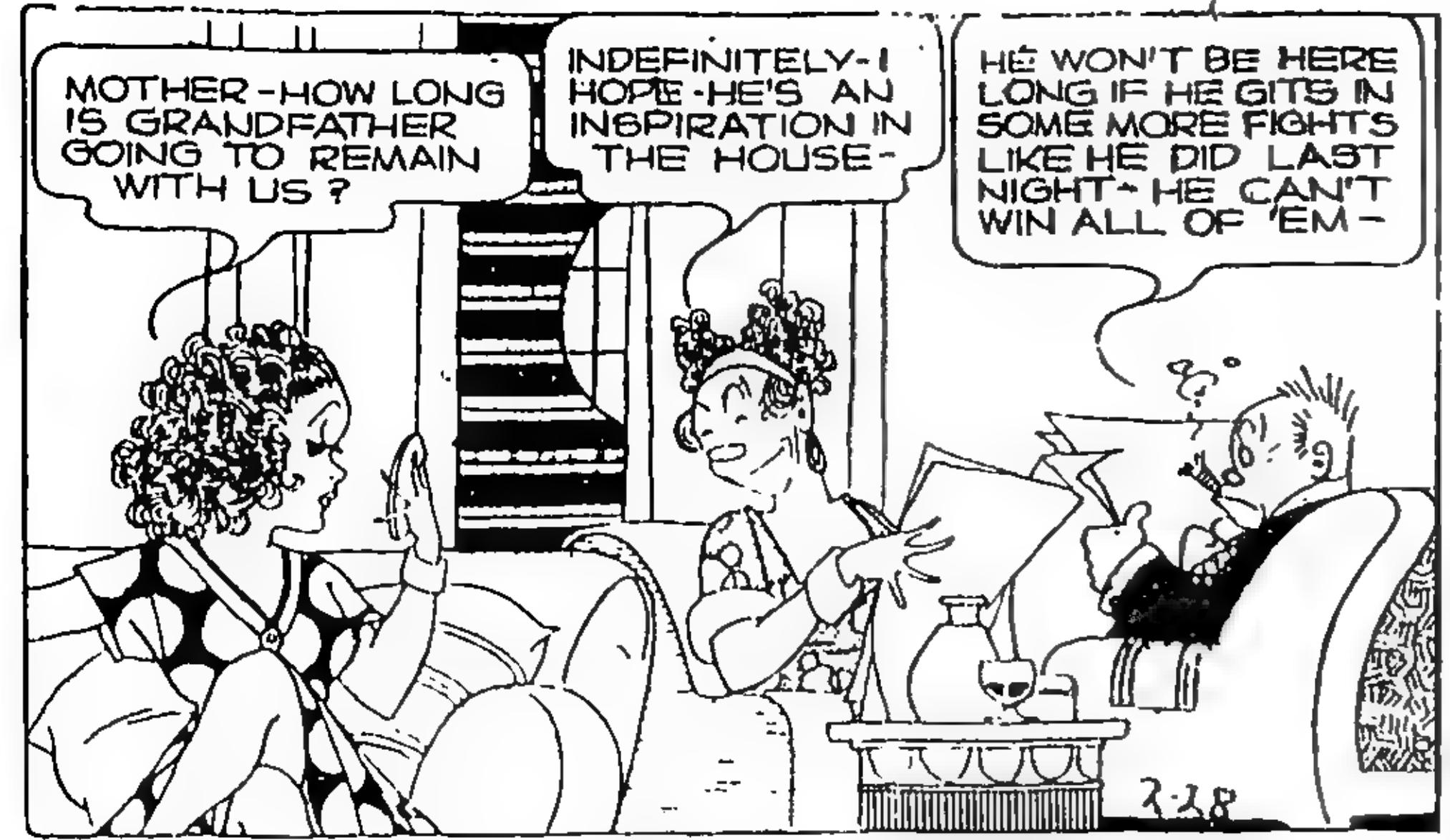
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Variety.

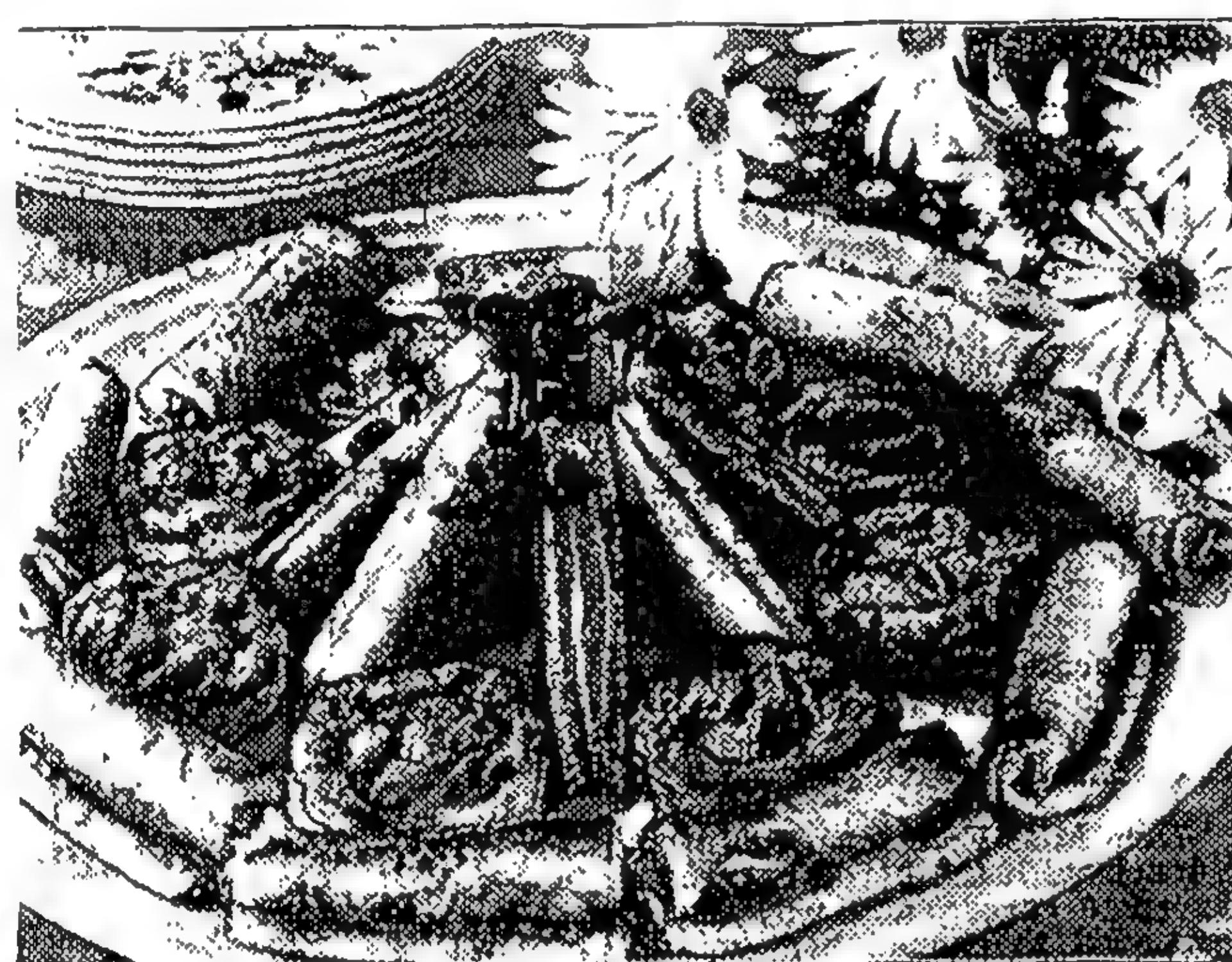
## Bringing Up Father



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# A PAGE FOR WOMEN New Tricks For Party Sandwiches

by Dorothy Greig



Part of the fun of making party sandwiches is to cut them in interesting shapes, tiny rounds, long fingers, rolls, triangles.

Brush with butter and toast in broiler.

### Bean With Bacon Sandwich Filling

1 can condensed bean with bacon soup  
1/4 cup chili sauce  
2 tablespoons salad or mayonnaise dressing.

Empty the bean with bacon

soup, just as it comes from the can, into a bowl. Add the chili sauce and salad or mayonnaise dressing and mix well.

To make sandwich: — Spread one slice of bread with butter and the other slice of bread with the "Bean with Bacon" filling. Put together with lettuce or cole slaw. Makes 8-10 sandwiches.

Note: — This mixture may be stored in refrigerator.

# Improved Posture

This year, 1941, brings all women to attention—at least it should. It is no year for weaklings. A grave present and a graver future demand that women turn about face and make themselves not only most useful but strong in body and spirit.

Past is the era of drooping, relaxed attitudes and the clinging vine, helpless beauty, or casually indifferent woman. Those women will not be admired during this realistic period—in fact they are in danger of being despised.

Strength, as you know, comes with a healthy body which co-ordinates with a balanced, healthy mind. Every girl and woman should strive to attain such physical perfection. If you are ailing do get to the root of your trouble. Do not let it hang on to make you uncomfortable and to irritate those around you.

Every woman can face the spring in better health if she will exercise to improve her posture. Even though you may think your posture is pretty good it does not hurt in the least to check it over and see if you are giving your body the chance it needs to be healthy.

Ever so slightly rounded shoulders, for instance, can cause several ills. If your shoulders sag your chest does too, denying your lungs the full expansion they



Fresh as spring itself is DOROTHY DARRELL in a pretty print frock. Her perfect posture makes her appear alluringly buoyant.

### Encourage Health

There is no doubt about it, good posture, or improved posture encourages health. I know it is not easy to correct long-standing bad habits, but it can be done! Get into the habit of forcibly pulling your abdomen in and up thus lifting your chest and pushing your shoulders straighter. At first the flabby abdomen muscles will not do your bidding, but keep after them. Whenever you think of it, pull them in and stand erectly.

After the abdomen muscles are convinced you mean business you can start on those of the derriere. To get the feel of what you should do in order to keep your buttocks in pleasing alignment, ask someone to spank you smartly when you least expect the spanking. Your immediate reaction will be to draw your buttocks in and down. That's where they belong! You will notice also that when they are in their proper position your spine from end to tip straightens noticeably, and if you hold the improved posture for a few moments you will experience fatigue leaving your body—for it is grateful that each organ is being held in its normal, healthy position.

And to inspire you let me remind you that figure and facial beauty are terribly dependent upon good posture. If you want to be lovely looking, healthy and stronger you will learn to stand and walk in the best of postures!

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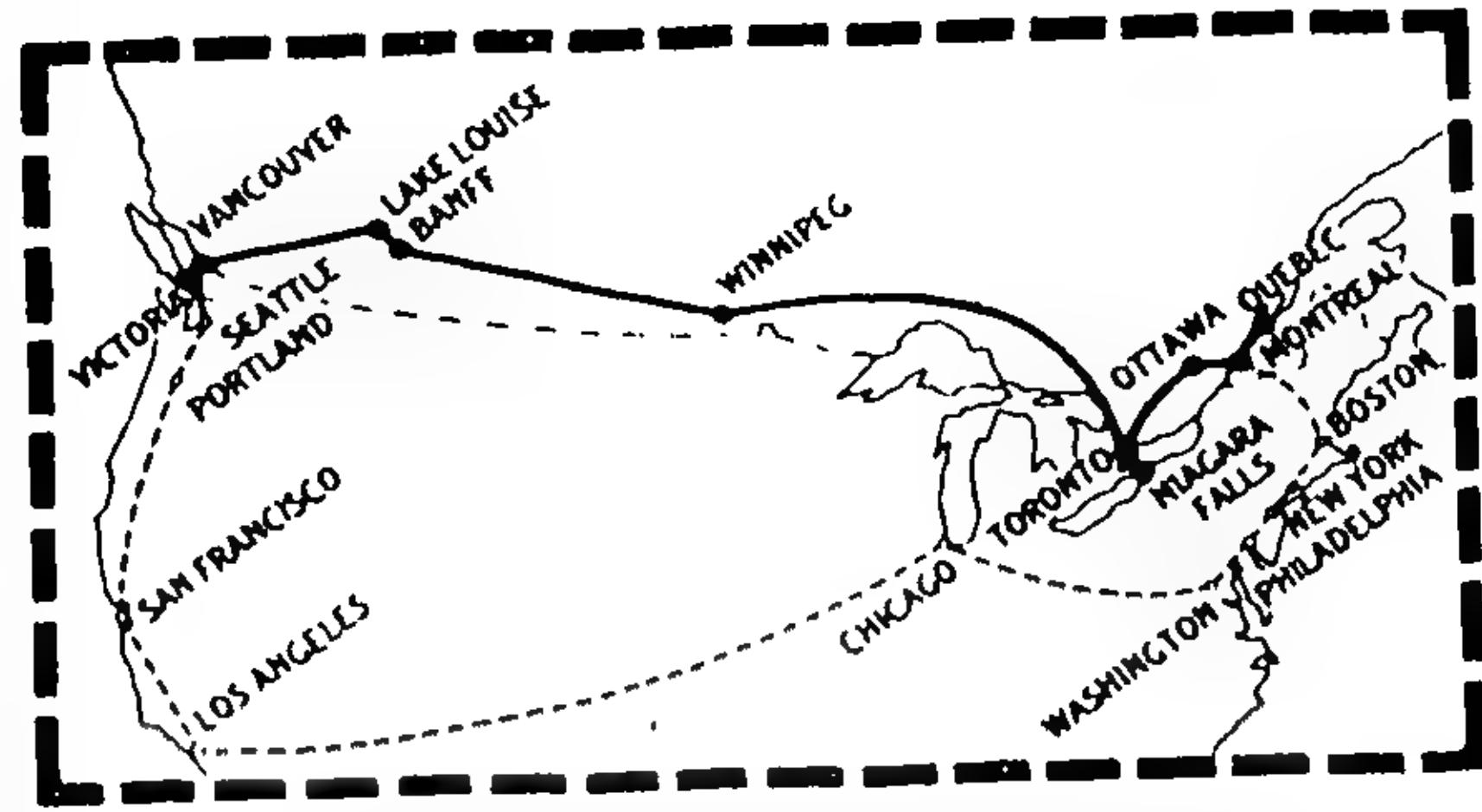
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## PEER'S ANNUITY TO ACTRESS

A woman who set up house with Lionel Walter Rothschild, second Baron Rothschild, in 1906, after she had sought his help in her stage career, declared in the Chancery Division that they separated through the "persecution" of another woman.

The plaintiff was Miss Marie Barbara Frederson, of Stroud Cottage, Staniley Green, Guildford, who brought an action against the executors of Lord Rothschild's will. She sought rectification of documents, dated July, 1907, and October, 1908, providing for the payment of an annuity for her and her daughter for life by Lord Rothschild.

Mr. Wynn Parry, K.C., for Miss Frederson, said she first met Lord Rothschild in 1903, when she was 16. In 1905 she took a room at the house of a Mrs. Lizzie Ritchie, who was considerably older than she was.

At a meeting with Lord Rothschild at which Miss Frederson's career was discussed, the baron suggested that he would better be able to help her if they set up house together.

Under continuous pressure Miss Frederson was persuaded to take a room with a view to their having an establishment together, but at the last moment, said Mr. Parry, her courage failed her. She went into the country after continuing in Mrs. Ritchie.

Mrs. Ritchie, counsel added, communicated with the baron, and he started to live with her.

## Changed Her Mind

"Then Miss Frederson again got in touch with the baron regarding her stage career, and was finally persuaded to change her mind," counsel continued. "She and the baron set up house together in February, 1906, and in December, 1906, a daughter was born.

"When the child was registered the father's name was given as Lionel Walters. It had become essential not to give the baron's name in view of a persistent campaign of persecution started by Mrs. Ritchie because she was no longer living with the baron.

"She embarked on such a campaign of persecution that by June, 1907, though Miss Frederson and the baron were on the very best of terms, they reluctantly concluded that they had to cease living together. The campaign involved telegrams and telephone messages to the baron's parents and relatives."

The question of provision for Miss Frederson arose, and a deed was drawn up for the payment of a £500 clear annuity. No deduction was made for tax, but after the baron's death his executors deducted tax.

Miss Frederson asked the court to rectify the deed so as to make the payments free of tax.

The defendants maintained that the deed was not made in pursuance with the agreement alleged by Miss Frederson and pleaded that the payment was voluntary, made without any consideration. The omission by the baron to deduct tax from the payments, it was contended, was a voluntary act on his part.

## "Made Life Wretched"

In evidence Miss Frederson said that Mrs. Lizzie Ritchie made her life and that of the baron "absolutely wretched," and "the poor man could not stand it any longer."

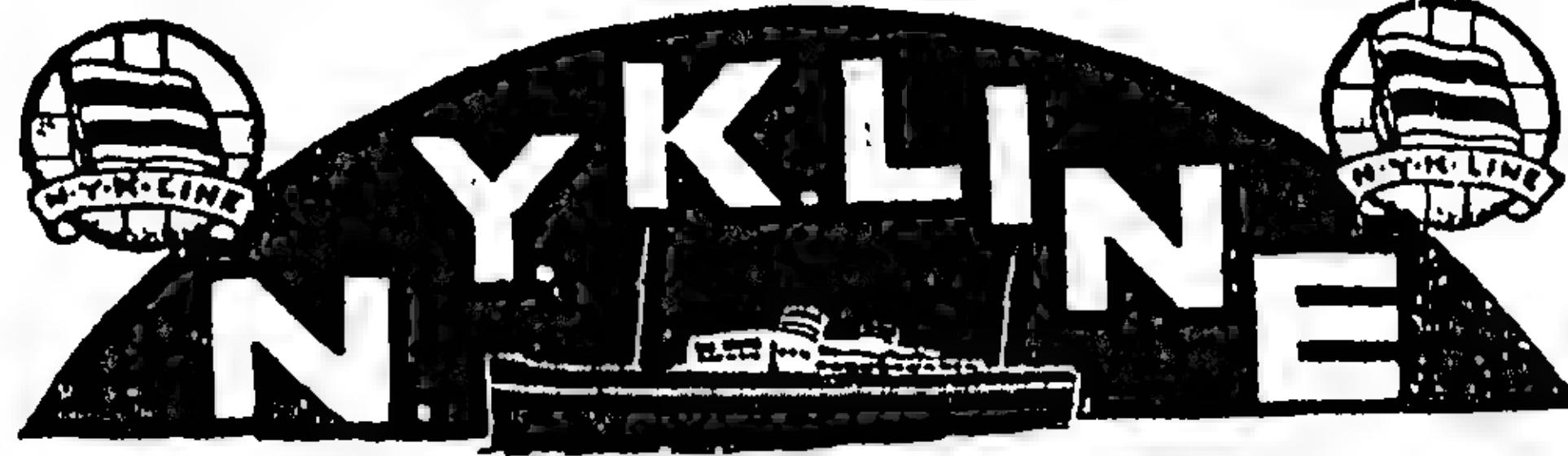
Mr. C. Harman, K.C., for the Public Trustee, maintained that the defendants had no case to answer. If persons put into a deed words they intended to put there and then found they had made a mistake in law, rectification could not be secured.

The hearing was adjourned.

## PLANE, PILOT'S SUIT GIFT

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## STAY IN SHELTER SLUM FOR MONTHS

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Lord Horder made the disclosure when addressing the Royal Empire Society in London.

He said he had also seen one public shelter in the provinces where children had remained to a month without coming out.

### Anxiety

The "underground slum," he said, was causing so much anxiety to the Royal Engineers when he was asked a question whether he would not advise the Ministers concerned to compulsory evacuate children from it.

There were 600,000 people, he added, who left after in large public shelter.

It was fifty-fifty anyway as far as safety was concerned whether you were in a public shelter or your own home.

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Yet this earthly paradise is to be found in the Isle of Man. Open sesame to it is not English or Manx birth, but alien nationality of the kind that comes under the three classes leading to internment.

For it is behind the barbed wire of Manx internment camps that men and women are a living reputation of Nazi stories that they are half-starved writes a "Daily Sketch" reporter.

In comfort which many of them never knew at home, and with Nazi segregated from anti-Nazi, they parade the streets. I saw them myself when I went to Port St. Mary and watched them, mostly well-dressed in warm bootleg, thick tweed, and often fur coats, and flannel stacks of varied hue. Each day they buy various little luxuries from a shop, stocked beyond an Englishman's wildest dreams.

### No Escort

They stroll unaccompanied by escorts. Indeed, the women rarely see the colour of khaki, for their town guards are the local auxiliary police.

Each week the tribunal dealing with their applications for release sets free nearly 90.

I talked with some of them as they boarded the boat for the mainland. They all said how pleased they were to be released, praised the quantity and quality of their food, and nearly all were positive that they had never met kinder folk than the Manx land-ladies.

"We could buy what we liked in the shops," a Dutch girl told me, "and we often went to the pictures. Everything was done to make us comfortable, and we could often buy oranges when they were unobtainable in England."

He said he was proud that New Zealanders and Australians, although far from the war in a geographical way, "never succumbed to the fatal error of believing that we could be immune from the evil effects of the march of the barbarians."

He said that the New Zealander and Australians were proud because they clung to the realization that "to default on your friends and supporters, to default in your beliefs, is a sin against the light."

Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, who commanded the 27th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, which joined with the Australians and New Zealanders in breaking through the Hindenburg line in 1918, took part. Speaking on a radio programme, he said: "Australian soldiers in Greece and other parts of the world, we salute you." Maj. Gen. James G. Harbord, chief of staff of the A.E.F., also took part in both programmes.

Mr. Casey said that if the Australian war effort were translated into terms of the United States population it would be equivalent to 5,000,000 men under arms and an expenditure of \$12,000,000,000 a year.

He added that the actual war effort of "the British countries" was now the equivalent of \$60,000,000 a day, or \$22,000,000,000 a year, a figure which was constantly rising.

A check for \$1,000 was contributed to the Anzac War Relief Fund by Maj. J. W. Findlay. Among the fund-raising booths at the benefits was one busy one at which participants shot darts at two half-lifesize cartoons of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

## H.K. FIRES REPORT

In their report for presentation to the shareholders of Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company to be held on Wednesday, 21st May, the General Managers and Consulting Committee will submit a statement of Accounts, showing a surplus of \$669,935.45, for 1939 and will recommend that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$11 per share, \$440,000.00; To add to Reinsurance Fund \$229,935.45.

1940 Account.—The balance at credit of this Account is \$741,199.92



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Baby's appetite is a good indication of his well-being. He should be ready for his meals. If he has to be coaxed or tempted with rich foods you may be sure there is something wrong and his health will suffer unless the trouble is quickly corrected. The most important thing in avoiding digestive disorders in young children is to see that the natural functions are performed regularly, and, as an aid to this, there is nothing better than an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets.

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# SERIES OF UPSETS MARK SATURDAY'S RACE MEETING

## Amber II Confounds Critics And Pays Best Dividend

By "Rapier"

THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE WHICH FAVOURED THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT THE VALLEY ON SATURDAY WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE GATHERING OF RACING ENTHUSIASTS. WITH THE TRACK VERY HARD, THE GOING WAS FAST AND IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE WHEN AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND BROKE BY 9-2/5 SECONDS THE RECORD FOR THE 1-1/2 MILES, PREVIOUSLY HELD BY UNITED EXPRESS.

Mr. Li Shiu-fai suffered an unfortunate mishap, when he was thrown by Beauford in the first race and rendered unconscious, and Corvette was shot following the last event, in which it broke a shoulder blade.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, were interested spectators in the Steward's enclosure.

Mr. L. B. Chao headed the list of previous conquerors over the two-mile distance.

### Same Tactics

Adopting the same tactics as on its last two outings in a two-mile race, Australian Diamond took the lead from the very start and, never looking back, went on to win in record time by 1 1/2 lengths from Baillie Bay, despite the latter's challenge over the last 50 yards.

Viceroy (Mr. Black), the favourite, was third, having the better of Endeavour (Mr. Wei).

A protest against Mr. Tao on Man-O'-War for bumping, was lodged after the race but the Stewards accepted the jockey's explanation.

In the Wallsend Handicap (First Section), Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), the favourite, did not disappoint.

At the rise of the gate Flying Dutchman (Mr. Chang) went into the lead, followed by Shuttlecock and A Roaring Time (Mr. Tao).

There was no positional change on rounding the Village bend except that A Roaring Time was displaced by Gay Fox (Mr. Pih) for the third position. In the Straight, Flying Dutchman still led but Shuttlecock was within striking distance. On passing the two-mile post Shuttlecock overhauled Flying Dutchman and then went on to win, with 'Cheerful Star' (Mr. Craven) taking second place.



Swallow (Mr. Yuen), National Victory (Mr. Chang) and Odin (Mr. Tu). At the half-mile post the same position was maintained but when the Rock was passed Spring Shine (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) which had been lying fifth, spurted up to take the lead; this was short-lived, however, as Dashing Beauty still had plenty in reserve and on Mr. Chao urging the pony on, it responded gamely, passed Spring Shine, and went on to win by three lengths, with Odin a short head behind and Spring Shine third.

There were 26 tickets on Dashing Beauty in the "Daily Double", and each received \$440.60.

The Moreton Bay Stakes (Second Section) was another sprint event but was far from exciting. Ratio Decidendi (Mr. Black) had the public's confidence, which it capably upheld. There is really little to say as regards the race itself as Ratio Decidendi took command immediately the gate went up and romped home an easy winner.

Riverside, ridden by Mr. Wei secured second place and Dignitate (Mr. Tang) did very well to take third place.

### Favourite Comes Up

The Great Eight Stakes (Second Section) was another race in which the favourite did not disappoint. Graceful View (Mr. Pih) coming out trumps. Willow (Mr. Trevor) kept the lead until the football stands, where Archibet (Mr. Gregory) overhauled it. Graceful View was then lying third. On reaching the last quarter Mr. Pih sent Graceful View out in front, and, although hotly challenged by Roofly (Mr. Hearne), it kept just in front all the time.

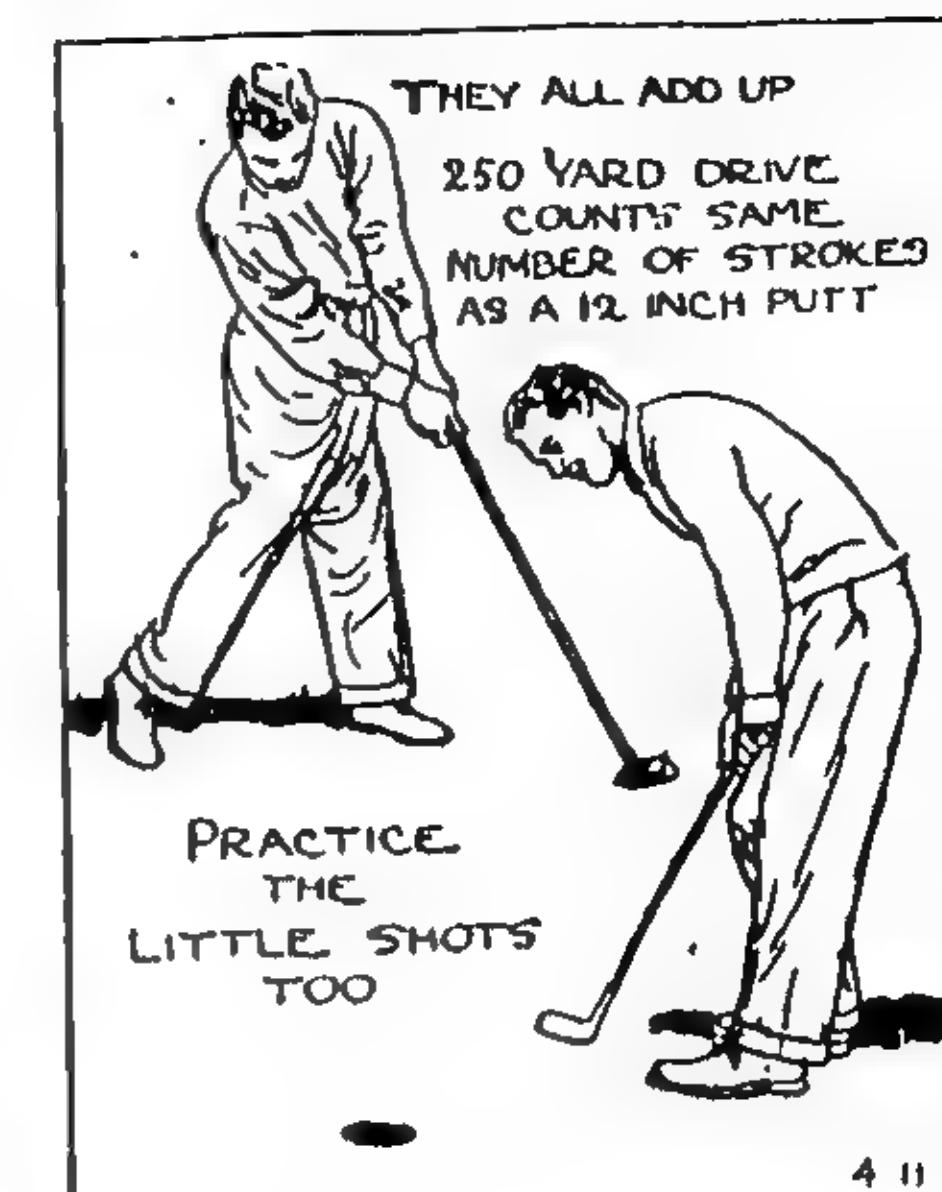
The final race of the day, the Wallsend Handicap (Second Section) over the mile for "C" Class Australian ponies, gave Mr. Pih his second win, this being another disaster for punters. Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven) was a disappointment, but bear this pony in mind for a later meeting—it will win a race before the Summer recess or I shall be surprised. It was certainly a difficult task to spot the winner. However, had it not been for Twinkling Star's lapse on passing the half-mile post there would have been a different story to tell.

### Experts Confounded

Bendigo was not conceded much of a chance of winning, according to the betting figures, but it confounded the experts! Jumping out into the lead, Twinkling Star kept in front right up to the half-mile post, when it dropped right back. Meanwhile Anzac Day, ridden by Mr. Hearne, took the lead on coming into the Home Straight, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) on the outside. Bendigo, on the tails and Maple Star (Mr. Tao) two lengths behind, challenged strongly. At the distance post, Mr. Pih applied the whip to Bendigo, and the pony responding magnificently, the race was over. A short distance from the post, Mr. Pih appeared sure of second place, but Twinkling Star came up on the outside, and these two were neck and neck over the remaining distance. Amid great excitement Twinkling Star got the better of the argument.

In this race Corvette, with Mr. Trevor up, sustained a badly broken shoulder blade as the result of a fall, and the pony was later destroyed. Mr. Trevor was very lucky in getting off without a scratch.

### GRAPHIC GOLF



### VALUE OF PUTTING

#### BY BEST BALL

When one considers that a little half a foot putt counts the same number of strokes as a powerful, bulletlike drive down the fairway, that covers 1500 times as much territory, a better picture of just how important putting is begins to form in one's mind. As a matter of fact, a golfer can be more than a little bit off on his play down the fairway to the green and still keep in the running by virtue of accurate putting. Poor putting has put more golfers out of championships than all the other strokes combined.

Putting is approximately half the game of golf yet how many players devote half of their practice time to this phase of the sport. There is no mystery to good putting, most of it is hard, conscientious practice.

Next Article:—Raising The Ball.

## APPRECIATION OF MR. EU

By "Rapier"

Racing enthusiasts throughout the Colony must have been shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose demise on Sunday came in the nature of a great surprise.

He attended the meeting held on Saturday, and there was certainly no indication forthcoming then that he was so soon to pass on.

For the last five years the late Mr. Eu was keenly interested in local racing, and the large string of ponies which he maintained gave him some prominent successes, the most notable of which was the winning of the Hong Kong Derby in 1939.

His passing will leave a gap in local racing, and I am sure all followers of the turf will join me in expressing heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

## "Y" SWIMMING GALA TO-NIGHT

European Y.M.C.A. will open their Swimming gala season to-night at 9 p.m. with a programme of eight events, including a 200 Yards free-style relay, in which the Lai Tsun Swimming Union, the Army and the European Y.M.C.A. will compete.

A water-polo match between the Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex senior teams will bring the gala to a conclusion. The entries are as follows:

**Men's 50 Yards Aggregate Handicap:**—E. W. Railton, G. Saunders, F. Willis, H. G. Ramage, A. McQueen, E. F. Paul, W. S. Gegg, M. J. Gunning, R. Smith and G. Davidson.

**220 Yards Free-style Handicap:**—G. Davidson, E. W. Railton, M. J. Gunning, L. A. Benn, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, H. G. Ramage, D. Hutchinson and N. D. Booker.

**100 Yards Back-stroke Handicap:**—F. Willis, B. S. Wilson, G. Saunders and P. Manson.

**75 Yards Individual Medley:**—W. B. Ure, F. Willis, T. Baker, W. S. Gegg, N. D. Booker, D. S. Wilson, E. A. Roberts and A. F. May.

**Diving (Sealed Handicap):**—F. Willis, N. Speleers, R. Goldman, N. D. Booker and G. Saunders.

**200 Yards Free-style Invitation Relay:**—Lai Tsun Swimming Union, The Army and European Y.M.C.A.

**Water polo**—European Y.M.C.A. (to be selected from H. C. Eardley; F. Willis, L. A. Benn, E. W. Railton, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, G. Thompson and R. Goldman) v. Middlesex Regt. (Goodall; A. Hymas and Quickenden; W. B. Ure; Boudon, Burge and Jennings). Referee, Cpl. G. Bedford (Sgnals).

The Army Swimming team will be selected from the following:

Sig. Hunt (Signals), Sig. Hodges (Signals), Sig. Behriett (Signals), L/Cpl. S'ater (Royal Scots), Bandmaster Jordon (Royal Scots), Pte. McHugh (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl. Quickenden (Middlesex).

## SUMMER GOLF COMPETITIONS

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Happy Valley Summer Foursome competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**First Round:**—J. Gellatly (18) and N. J. Bebbington (12) v. A. J. MacFadyen (18) and A. W. Muir (14); J. E. Dovey (16) and I. B. Trevor (17) v. A. L. Powell (18) and W. J. Butler (11); A. D. Humphreys (9) and L. M. S. Lloyd (12) v. R. Forrest (3) and J. W. Anderson (10); F. J. de Rome (8) and G. W. Reeve (11) v. H. H. Mundy (9) and W. Stoker (12); A. K. Mackenzie (6) and Col. Matthews (12) v. J. M. Thompson (9) and N. J. Booker (13); A. J. Dennis (6) and W. S. Hillier (7) v. J. Linaker (12) and G. W. Sewell (11).

**Byes into Second Round:**—R. Young (8) and G. M. Park (4); W. A. Stewart (9) and T. Low (10) v. H. Smith (8) and E. Greenwood (18); T. B. Low (11) and R. K. Collings (6) v. A. H. Penn (12) and J. R. Collis (13); A. C. I. Bowker (7) and W. F. Simmons (18) v. G. E. Willerton (12) and T. J. Price (9); L. F. C. Bellamy (15) and A. V. Greaves (11) v. F. C. Barry (9) and W. V. Ahern (9); and C. E. Moore (14) and J. H. B. Lee (11).

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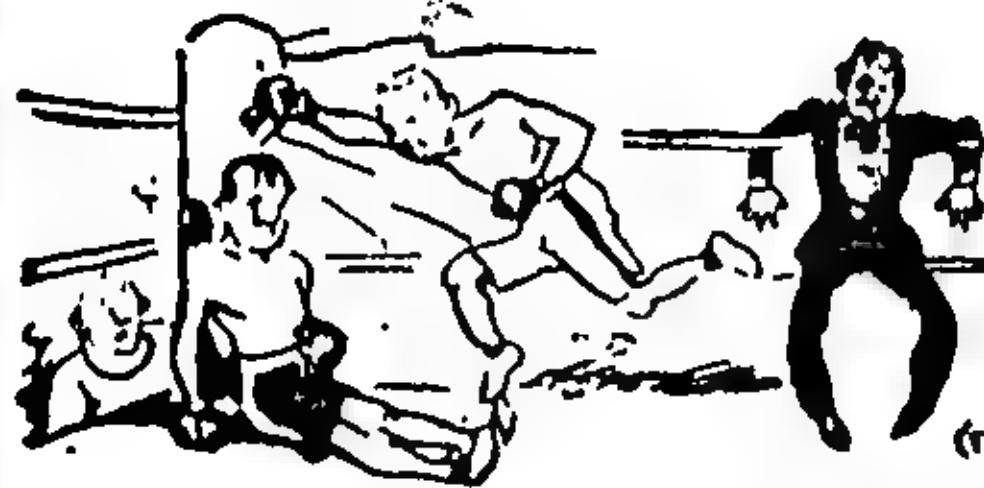


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## JOE LOUIS TO MEET CONN

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will defend his title June 18 at the Polo Grounds against Billy Conn, world light-heavyweight champion campaigning in the heavyweight ranks, Mike Jacobs, leading promoter, announced recently in New York.

Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, brother of Max, former world champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 22, Buddy would oppose Conn on June 18.

Abe Simon, youthful Jewish bantler, will probably get a title crack at Louis, if the negro still world champion, in July and Lou Nova, husky Californian, would meet the titleholder in September.

Simon, last month, went 13 rounds against Louis before losing on a technical knockout. The excellent and surprising display put up by Simon resulted in a promise by Jacobs that he would get a return bout.

Nova, known as the "Hard Luck Kid" because of numerous illnesses, recently revealed top flight ability when he crushed former champion Max Baer.

## JACK HOBBS FINED

"We will have to make the score a double figure," said Mr E. Trum, chairman of the Wimbledon bench, recently, imposing a fine of 20s on Jack Hobbs, the cricketer, for showing a light in the black-out at his flat at Woodside House, Wimbledon.

Mr. Hobbs explained that his son, who had just returned from duty overseas, was spending the evening at the flat with his wife. In putting their child to bed near the window in a small room they displaced the black-out curtain.

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### BASEBALL

# 2 Baseball Games In Blistering Heat

## Easy Wins For Tulsa And H.B.

By "Grandstand"

Baseballers had the first real taste this year of Old Man Sol's merciless blistering rays in two pre-season friendlies over the week-end, in which the J. S. S. Tulsa squad ran over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa nine 12-4 on Saturday, and the Heng Kong Brewers severely trounced Royal Engineers by 10-1 on Sunday.

In the Tulsa-Chung Hwa scuffle, the winners at first used two moundmen. MacClanahan toiling on the slab for three frames, during which time he fanned four and walked seven and only doled in one single, whilst burly Strickland whiffed one and passed four in the remaining three stanzas.

Losing pitcher Al Lau conceded 13 blows, being then relieved by Bill Chang in the sixth. Lau issued four free tickets to first and accounted for two Tulsamen via the strikeout rou'e.

### Shirtless Maxie!

Shirtless Maxie Maxwell, lead-off batter, for the blue-jackets, worked Lau for a pass and scored on Simmons' fielder's choice to chalk up the first marker for the carlors, whilst Peterson's rasping double to right pushed Simmons over the rubber for a two-run start. Chung Hwa being retired in their half of the inning in one two-three order without reaching first base.

Climbing slabster Lau for four catches in the second stanza, the Tulsamen spiked the rubber three times to increase the lead, although Lau dented the payoff station on Grandpa Leung's slashing single through short.

Six Annie Oakleys on three wild pitches in the third by MacClanahan saw two more Chung Hwa tallies cross the pan, whilst Strickland pitched one into the dirt in the fourth for another Chung Hwa marker, for the Leungmen to trail behind 4-6.

Swinging at Lau's first offering in the fifth, Maxie Maxwell connected for a four-inster and, taking advantage of Lau's crack-up, Simmons poled one out to deep centre for another round-tripper. Another cluster of four runs in the sixth on four bunched up hits cinched the game for the Tulsamen.

### Grandpop Takes Honours

Grandpa Leung took batting honours with a perfect hitting performance in his two trips to the plate, connecting for two of his team's three blows, whilst both Tulsamen Simmons and Richardson were good for a three in five performance, the former including a homer and a double in his three blows.

Blanking the Hong Kong Brewers in the first frame, Royal Engineers cracked up under the pressure and were trounced 10-1 in an erratic display. The Sappers' first and only tally came in the fourth whilst the Brewers produced clusters of three runs each in the third and fourth frames in a free-scoring spree.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard pitched for the winners, whilst Lefty Sarsfield was the losing chucker.

## WAR CUP FINAL REPLAY

The football War Cup Final replay date has been changed from May 21 to May 31 on Blackburn Rovers' ground.

The alteration is due to an earlier date having been fixed for the semi-finals of the Inter-Allied Services Cup, for which the Civil Defence Air Force and the Army survive, and there would otherwise be team difficulties.

Arsenal are known to have been worrying as eight of their Cup players are either airmen or soldiers and others in the civil defence and it would have meant a reserve team against Preston. If the Service Cup obligations are kept.—Reuter.

### PONY CLASSIFICATIONS

Alterations and additions to Classification lists, dated March 23, 1941, are as follows:

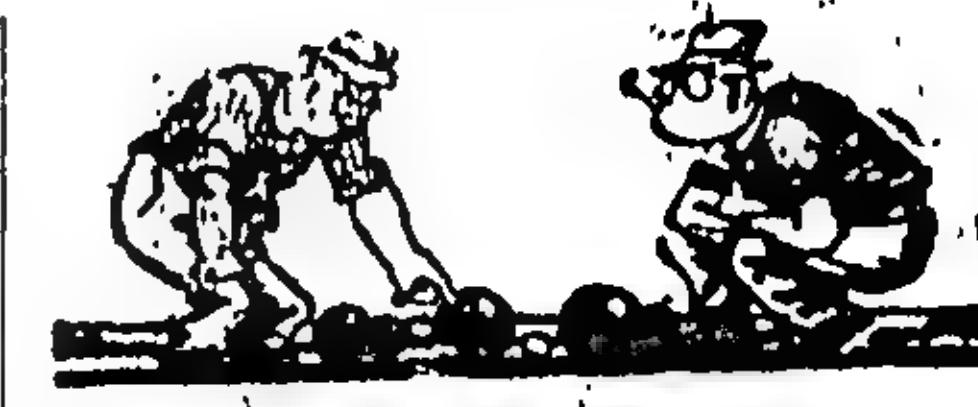
#### AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Brown Derby to "B" Class; Dashing Beauty, Graceful View, Ratio Decidendi to "C"; Australian Prince, Double Dutch, Harmony Star, Sydney Diamond to "D"; Archber, Arneber, Blue Gown, Boneshaker, Luxury, Ophir, Poncos, Sports Lady, War Tax to "E".

CHINA PONIES  
Jane Doe, Just in Time, Oscar Zylch, Rose Evelyn to "D".

### POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

The Gymkhana of the Hong Kong Polo Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund has been postponed to Saturday, May 24. Entries for the "Show Jumping Competition" will be accepted up to noon on Saturday, May 17.



## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

### CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division "A" (v P.R.C., Home) J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip).

J. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" (v C.S.C.C., Away) C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Sousa and B. Basto (Skip).

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).

Second Division (v P.O.C., Home) P. L. Barros, N. Beltrao, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).

A. F. Noronha, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., Away) A. A. Roza, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

Pat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcón (Skip).

## ARMY TENNIS

Two "B" Division Army Tennis League matches were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when the Royal Army Medical Corps "B" and Royal Scots scored wins over Royal Engineers "C" and Middlesex, respectively.

Following were the detailed scores:

R.E. "C" v. R.A.M.C. "B"  
Spence and Pelham (R.E.) beat Shorthouse and Parkin, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

Kehoe and Hawkins (R.E.) lost to Curran and Dunne, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.

Grant and Moxham (R.E.) lost to Langley and Gunson, 6-8, 6-4, 7-9.

R.S. v. Middlesex  
Sgt. Alsey and L/Cpl. Glassgow (R.S.) beat Pte. Mellor and Pte. Sheehan, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Dibble (R.S.) beat R.S.M. Challis and L/Sgt. Bull, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Cpl. Octon and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat Lieut. Wood and L/Sgt. Bond, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

## CHESS RESULTS

In the Colony Junior Chess championship last night, Un Kwai-yung beat J. Tausz. Earlier in the week R. C. Gardner defeated E. M. Petrove.

In the Junior Club championship, A. C. Poupard beat J. Grelfada in the first of a series of three games in the play-off.

## WOMEN'S 220-YARD SWIMMING MARK SMASHED

Little Patty Aspinall, known as "The Minnow with the Flying Fish Style," smashed the National Women's 220-yard breast stroke record at the age of 14 at the Women's Senior Amateur Athletic Union Swimming Championships recently.

She covered the distance in 3:07.8 minutes, slicing 1.2 seconds from the record set in 1940 by Fujiko Katsutani of Honolulu. Patty swam the whole way using the difficult "flying fish" stroke, in which the arms are brought out of the water in a double overhand fashion, instead of the orthodox underwater breast stroke.

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# ATTEMPT TO "TARANTO" BRITISH BATTLE FLEET

Eye-Witness Account Of Dramatic Night Action

## Spectacular Barrage Put Up

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Barham)

HOW MORE THAN 30 WARSHIPS, WITH GUNS ABLAZE, BEAT OFF AN ATTEMPT BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT TO "TARANTO" THE BRITISH BATTLE FLEET WHILE IT WAS STEAMING IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN, CAN NOW BE TOLD.

No damage was sustained by any British ship in this engagement, which was briefly reported in an Admiralty communiqué on Saturday.

The encounter produced the heaviest and most spectacular night barrage I have yet seen, with firing continuing almost ceaselessly for 45 minutes against the enemy's torpedo-bombers.

### QUIET DAY IN AIR

There was very slight enemy air activity yesterday and no reports of any bombs dropped, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Activity was in coastal areas mainly in the south-west, and one enemy aircraft was shot down in the sea by fighters.

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT THE TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED IN DAYLIGHT ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, WAS 15, AN EXTRA ONE HAVING BEEN CLAIMED BY THE GROUND DEFENCES AT A SEARCH-LIGHT STATION.

The destruction of three more enemy aircraft on the night of May 11 is now confirmed, making the total that night 12 enemy bombers. — Reuter.

The full moon was some 20 degrees above horizon when our cruisers, escorting a convoy, were seen to open fire a few miles distant on our starboard quarter, whereupon our heavy units blazed forth with all their armament from 6-inchers downwards.

In the meantime a strong screen of destroyers flung up an umbrella barrage, protecting the Battle Fleet from a possible high-level bombing attack.

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### RETAIL TRADE PROBLEMS

The President of the Board of Trade yesterday announced the appointment of a committee to advise him on problems confronting retail traders.

The committee's terms of reference will be "To examine present problems of the retail trade in goods other than food, having regard both to the immediate needs of the conduct of the war and to the position after the war, and to report."

Mr. Lyttelton, who made the announcement in reply to Commons questions, added that he proposed, as soon as the committee had had time for preliminary discussion, to consult with the chairman, Mr. W. Craig Henderson, with the object of preparing one or more interim reports on the more urgent aspects of the subjects. — British Wireless.

### SHORTER BAYONETS

The Indian Army, it was announced in Simla yesterday, is to have shorter bayonets, which have been found to be more effective in patrol work, says Reuter.

### PRAYA GANG ATTACK

Over 60 men were involved in a gang-fight on the waterfront near the Harbour Office shortly after 8 a.m. to-day when Chinese employees of the s.s. Kinshan were decoyed from their ship and attacked by a gang of hooligans.

Two of the ship's employees were seriously injured in the battle, in which the attackers used iron bars, wooden poles, and daggers, and have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The Emergency Unit was despatched from the Central Police Station, but on its arrival, the hooligans dispersed and disappeared in lanes and alleyways, none being arrested.

It was learned that the hooligans had been prevented from boarding the ship by the Chinese employees.

This morning when the vessel arrived from Macao, two men were sent on board to decoy the employees from the ship.

As soon as they left the wharf they were set upon.

### STOP PRESS

#### Wet Fog

No torpedoes came near us though the last ship of the line was seen to take avoiding action during the early part of the attack.

Darkness prevented ascertaining the results of the barrage, and at the cease fire a thick, wet fog suddenly descended. We suffered no casualties or damage.

The engagement occurred during seven days of routine operations in the central Mediterranean, during which convoys were successfully made in various directions, light forces bombarded Benghazi harbour and the Fleet Air Arm shot down seven enemy aircraft in various minor attempts by the Axis aviation against our ships.

All pay tribute to the untiring, magnificent work of the Fleet Air Arm in driving off formations while still several miles distant from the Fleet. — Reuter.

#### MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

It is announced that the Department of His Majesty's Government known as the Ministry of Shipping has been re-designated, as from May 10, 1941, the Ministry of War Transport and that the Office of the Representatives in Hong Kong has been renamed accordingly. The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mr. W. H. Lock are the local representatives of the Ministry of War Transport.

#### NEW TAXES UNDER DISCUSSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, secretly conferred at his house with Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives on the \$3,500,000 tax programme, hoping to iron out differences. — International News Service.

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## PREVENTION EVICTION BILL TO BE EXTENDED

It is officially announced that Government has decided that a Bill shall be introduced to extend the existing legislation for the prevention of eviction for another year.

## Empire Society Building Wrecked

The Royal Empire Society's building in London, which is well-known to visitors from all over the world, was severely damaged in recent air raids.

Practically the entire law library, involving between 12,000 and 15,000 books, was destroyed. In addition between 10,000 and 12,000 books were destroyed in the newspaper room, including the whole of the British Empire section.

Other losses involved a complete section on foreign colonisation as well as irreplaceable foreign periodicals and official journals of former German and other colonies.

The entire Hind Collection of books concerning East Africa and the Gibraltar and Malta sections were also lost.

The administrative quarters, together with the India Room, New Zealand Room and social rooms, were gutted. — Reuter.

## SINGAPORE WAR LOAN

A new loan of £1,168,000 is to be raised in the Malay States for the prosecution of the war.

A previous loan of £2,336,000 has already been subscribed by the Malay States.

In Singapore, the Government of the Straits Settlements has announced that a new loan of £2,300,000 is to be raised and the money sent to Britain as a gift.

Previously, a similar loan of £2,000,000 was raised and sent to Britain.

## Was There Effort To Stop Escape?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GLASGOW IS BREATHING EASIER WITH THE REMOVAL OF RUDOLF HESS TO THE SECRET SPOT FROM WHICH THIS CABLE IS DESPATCHED. THE CITY DEEPLY RESENTED THE PRESENCE OF HESS IN GLASGOW, FEARING A GREAT GERMAN RAID IN WHICH WHOLE SECTIONS MIGHT BE BOMBED IN THE HOPE OF A CHANCE MISSILE CLOSING HESS'S MOUTH.

After all possible information has been obtained from Hess, he will be treated as an ordinary prisoner, and may be sent to Canada. Mr. Churchill will report to the Commons in a few days on the interviews now proceeding with Hess.

After long questioning, the British authorities are convinced that Hess is sane and that he sought sanctuary in Britain because of a split with Hitler and in fear that he would be "purged." In addition, Hess is said to feel that an invasion of Britain would not succeed.

It is now revealed that over 20 bullet holes from ground fire were found in the tail of Hess's Messerschmidt. As no shots were fired at him in Britain, the assumption is that the ground crews at Augsburg tried to halt his flight.

British fighters sighted his plane over the North Sea but did not attack. No explanation has been given of this.

BRITISH PHYSICIANS SAY HESS SHOWED GREAT EMOTION AND HIS INTERROGATORS ARE NOT PRESSING HIM.

An expert said Hess was unfamiliar with the Messerschmidt's complicated gadgets. Most of the settings were wrong in the wrecked plane.

**May Go Over Border**

After being questioned in his present place of detention, it is reported that Hess may be taken south over the border, where Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden may both interrogate him.

Speculation as to the cause of Hess's rift with Hitler is keeping all quarters in London busy.

One suggestion is that Hess has long been the arch-foe of the Communists and that he, with Goering, leader of the Nazi right wing, was bitterly opposed to collaboration with Stalin.

**Hitler Panicky**

MEANWHILE IN BERLIN THE NAZI PARTY HAS HELD ONE OF ITS MOST SOLEMN AND DRAMATIC MEETINGS. THE MEETING WAS SUMMONED BY HITLER, WHO CALLED HIS CHIEF HENCHMEN TOGETHER TO GAIN A PLEDGE THAT DESPITE HESS'S

Nazi quarters declared: "Continuation of the war is not affected by Hess's sudden flight to Scotland. The fight will be pursued until the British are overthrown or are ready to accept peace."

The Nazis ridicule the suggestion that Hess fled because of his defeatism, "when Germany is on the verge of her greatest victory," but they admit the incident puts a powerful propaganda weapon into Britain's hands while not giving a real source of military information.

It is asserted that Hess was only concerned with party matters and for some time had been "stripped of power." — International News Service.

## GOEBBELS' LATEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A GERMAN BROADCAST PICKED UP IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY ALLEGED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS TRYING TO MEDIATE IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND IRAQ. HE IS SAID TO BE OFFERING IRAQ INCORPORATION IN SYRIA AFTER THE WAR. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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## MRS. ROOSEVELT ON THE WAR ISSUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, told pressmen in Washington yesterday: "I cannot imagine any President of the United States leading his country into war unless attacked." — International News Service.

## N.E.I. IMPORT CONTROL

MOVING DRAMATICALLY TO CURTAIL IMPORTS OF LUXURIES AND NON-ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES, THE N.E.I. GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A NEW IMPORT EXCHANGE DECREE AFFECTING VIRTUALLY EVERY ITEM ON THE GOVERNMENT'S LIST. SAYS A JAPANESE REPORT.

Under the new ruling imports from dollar bloc countries will almost entirely be prohibited, although purchases from sterling bloc countries will be permitted to continue comparatively uncheck ed. — Reuter.

## WAICHOW RETAKEN

OWING TO FAILURE OF REINFORCEMENTS TO ARRIVE, THE FORCE OF 500 JAPANESE INFANTRY WHICH ENTERED WAICHOW ON MONDAY AFTERNOON WERE COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING BY THE CHINESE TROOPS.

This morning Waichow was in the hands of the Chinese, with the Japanese holding positions about seven miles North of the city.

Japanese troops advancing from Tamshui were reported to be some 25 miles south-west of Waichow.

It is believed that when these troops reach striking distance, a simultaneous attack on Waichow will be launched from the north and south.

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## Hess Mad Or Engaged On Private Peace Mission?

### Nazis Unable To Make Up Their Minds On Rudolf

THE NAZI PARTY'S "EXPLANATION" OF RUDOLF HESS'S FLIGHT TO SCOTLAND HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED IN A PARTY BULLETIN, WHICH DECLARES THAT "A PERUSAL OF PAPERS LEFT BEHIND BY HESS DISCLOSES THAT HE LABOURED UNDER THE DELUSION THAT A STEP TAKEN ON HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE WITH ENGLISHMEN WHOM HE FORMERLY KNEW WOULD LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING BEING REACHED BETWEEN GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

"He has actually, as has been confirmed by a report from London, landed in Scotland by parachute near the place he wished to visit, and was presumably picked up there injured.

"Rudolf Hess, who, as was known to the party, has suffered for years increasingly in a physical sense and took refuge in various forms of hypnotism, astrology, etc.

"Attempts to elucidate to what extent these people are to blame for causing Hess's mental disturbance, which led him to take this step, are being made. It is also conceivable that Hess in the end was led into a trap by the British."

"THE WHOLE MANNER OF HIS ACTION CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THE FACT ALREADY GIVEN IN THE FIRST REPORT THAT HE SUFFERED FROM DELUSIONS."

"He better than anyone else, knew the neatly peace offers made by the Fuehrer, which came from the bottom of his heart. Apparently he laboured under the impression that by personal sacrifice he could prevent a development which, in his eyes, would only end in the complete destruction of the British Empire."

#### The Nazis Regret

"Hess, whose sphere of activity, as is known, lay exclusively within the party, did not have a clear notion about this act or its consequences, as may be deduced from notes he left."

"The National-Socialist Party regrets that this idealist fell a victim to such fatal delusions. By this act nothing has been changed in the prosecution of the war against Britain, forced upon the German people."

"It will be concluded, as the Fuehrer announced in his last speech, until the British leaders have been overthrown or are ready for peace." — Reuter.

### NANNY ON RUDY

"I refuse to believe Rudy is insane: there's either a serious Nazi split or else he has formed a far-reaching plan," declared Frau Paula, the old nurse of Rudolf Hess, in an exclusive interview with Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

Paula added "I nursed him until he was a grown-up boy. He was broad-minded, of strong character and extremely honest."

"From early childhood he valued German invincibility and always fought for top place, whether at school or elsewhere. He often used to discuss important political questions with his father."

Hess, who was born in Egypt, received his early schooling there. — Reuter.

### FRAU HESS IN GERMANY

Frau Hess and her children are in Germany, states a message from Berlin, according to reports that they are in Ankara. — Reuter.

### CHANGE IN SHANGHAI COMMAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

One of the most vital posts in the American military machine in the Far East will change occupants to-day when Colonel Dewitt Peck hands over command of the Fourth U.S. Marines in Shanghai to Colonel Howard.

Receptions for Col. Howard and farewell parties for Col. Peck crowd a week until the latter leaves Shanghai on May 22 to assume his new post in Washington.

Observers say that Col. Howard's task of commanding American troops in a city surrounded by the Japanese and in a hemisphere under glowering war clouds will be "enormously difficult," and may become more so if the crisis sharpens.

They point out that U.S. Marines are doing police duty in the Settlement, and in the course of their job often clash with pro-Japanese elements.

They cite as example the gun fight between Wang Ching-wel police and Settlement police yesterday, when a Marine detachment was rushed to restore order. — International News Service.

### TOO TOO SHOCKING!

The announcement from London that Hess will be removed to a secret destination, is described in German circles in Berlin as "interesting."

Berlin political circles feel certain that Mr. Churchill will use the affair for "the vilest purposes of propaganda," according to a semi-official statement issued in Berlin. — Reuter.

### HESS NEPHEW IN U.S. ARMY

Gustav Adolf Hess, nephew of Rudolf, is now serving with a United States anti-aircraft battery in the Panama Canal Zone.

His father, Gustav, brother of Rudolf, died in the United States in 1920, says a Reuter cable from Bristol (Va.).

### FELL OUT OVER RUSSO-GERMAN RELATIONS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The theory is held in Washington by a number of officials that Hess and Hitler fell out on the question of Russia and Russo-German relations.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, announced that no official despatches had been received on Hess. — Reuter.

### Commons In Dubious Mood

### IS GIFT HORSE A TROJAN?

"Obviously a further statement will be made in the near future regarding the flight to this country of this very high and important Nazi leader," declared Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday when invited to make a statement about Rudolf Hess.

Mr. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of the German radio reference to "total instability" and asked whether the Premier had any information on this subject.

Another member asked whether the Premier was taking steps with the Minister of Information to see that "this piece of news is dealt with with skill and imagination."

MR. CHURCHILL SAID "THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE IMAGINATION IS SOMEWHAT BAFFLED BY THE FACTS AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES." (LAUGHTER).

Other supplementary questioners begged Mr. Churchill to bear in mind Hess's record of devotion to the evil genius of Europe. (Cheers).

They questioned the prudence of announcing that Hess was in a Glasgow hospital as being unfair to the people of Glasgow, who might possibly expect a rain of bombs.

THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED: "HE WON'T ALWAYS BE IN GLASGOW." — REUTER.



A useful salvage scheme is being worked in Tottenham under the direction of Mr. Robert Morrison, M.P. for North Tottenham. The scheme consists of selling bits of shrapnel picked up in the borough to a West-end firm, who make them into brooches and ornaments and which are in demand in America as souvenirs of the London blitz. Mr. Morrison says that a penny a piece is given for the shrapnel, which works out at £80 a ton. Photo shows: Here are some of the types of paper knives, complete with shell splinter handles. (Fox, Copyright).

### The Really Significant Fact

THE GERMAN SUGGESTION that Rudolf Hess is suffering from hallucinations and that his 'plane crashed as a result of an accident, was scathingly set aside yesterday by the "Baltimore Sun."

"His real crash," the newspaper says, "was when he crashed into the headlines. What is significant is that when a Nazi gets fed up his only safe course is to flee to the very country he had formerly sworn to put down. Whoever heard of a fed up Briton fleeing to Germany?"

Australian reaction to Hess's sensational flight to Scotland was expressed by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Commonwealth Premier, in Sydney.

"Hess's flight," he declared, "indicates the realisation within the Nazi hierarchy that Germany is unable to win the war against civilisation."

"The German radio is right. Hess has been suffering from a disease which has been progressing for years; he was, but apparently not now."

#### Single Idea

"The disease is Nazism, which has done more harm to the world in less than 10 years than all the scourges in history."

Mr. Fadden added that millions of Nazis, deluded with false promises, must now be occupied with a single idea. "If this is what Hess thinks of the war, what are we to think?"

In the opinion of Mr. W. Hughes, Commonwealth Navy Minister, "the flight indicates the first crack in the granite of the Nazi temple." — Reuter.

### LEASE AND LEND FIGURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

John M. Keynes, economic adviser to the British Treasury, revealed in Washington yesterday that the British believe \$7,000,000,000 is only the first instalment of the United States Lease and Lend programme.

Mr. Keynes disclosed that it was President Roosevelt who conceived the Lease and Lend idea, and added that he and other British officials feel the "figure will be increased."

Mr. Keynes stressed that this should be done "soon" — International News Service.

# NAZI CAUCUS ON TENTERHOOKS

## What Will Hess Give Away?

### Tired Man, But Otherwise In Excellent Health

BERLIN IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN WHAT REVELATIONS RUDOLF HESS WILL MAKE TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING THE NEUTRAL PRESS IN STOCKHOLM.

Berlin is insisting that Hess was progressively being relieved of his responsibilities and is attempting to stress the "tragedy" of his case.

ALSO, IT IS SAID IN BERLIN, THE FLIGHT LACKS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.

In Stockholm, it is thought that executions may now occur in Germany, but if there are only imprisonments, then the whole affair will appear a clever trick on the part of the Nazis.

It is thought that Hess's farewell letter will not be made public but that an official communiqué may shortly be expected.

Meanwhile Hess is in bed in hospital, save for tiredness, is comfortable and in good spirits, it was authoritatively stated in London last night.

THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH PYJAMAS AND ARMY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TOOTHBRUSH AND SO ON.

Though suffering pain from his injured ankle, Hess is quite well.

Hess spent most of the time resting, dozing and reading, mainly English geographical magazines. He has been given some novels and writing paper, pencils and ink and is writing quite a lot.

He is receiving the usual hospital food, such as boiled chicken and rice for lunch.

#### Lacking Exercise

Hess conveyed the impression to Mr. Ivor Kirkpatrick, former First Secretary to the British Embassy at Berlin, who knows him well, that he has not been having so much outdoor exercise as formerly and has been spending much time in office work.

His tiredness is understandable considering he carried out a remarkable 900-mile flight, landing in the dark at the end and parachuting for the first time in his life. Neither had he flown a Messerschmidt 110 before.

During his stay at the McLean farmhouse, Hess was in the custody of two British Home Guards, Jack Peterson and Robert Gibson, it is now revealed.

#### Mapped His Route.

The Guards declared Hess said: "I had no bombs in my plane, so don't worry."

HE HAD A MAP ON WHICH HIS ROUTE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND WAS MARKED IN BLUE PENCIL.

Hess said he had never been in Britain before but did not seem at all worried.

"He was the easiest man in the party," one of the Guards continued. "When I offered him a cigarette he said he didn't smoke."

"He was surprised to find we had plenty of milk and drank half a glassful. He complained he felt somewhat cramped after being in the plane so long, and that his ankle was very painful."

"He had a camera strapped round his neck but assured us he hadn't taken any photos."

Before leaving the farm, Hess thanked the Home Guards for their kindness and presented one of them with a drinking cup as a souvenir.

A collection of compressed food was found on him by the military escort.

#### Fell Clear

He told them he had fitted an extra petrol tank to the plane to ensure it would cover the journey, and dropped the extra

### GERMAN RED SEA THREAT

Operations of German forces in the Red Sea will have to be reckoned with as a result of the development of the war in the eastern Mediterranean, it was officially announced on the German radio last night.

Every ship that sails in this territory, which has become an area for operations, therefore risks destruction by mines and other means of war, states the announcement.

The German Government therefore warns ships not to navigate in the following area: the northern part of the Red Sea, including the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Acaba, as far as the Tropic of Cancer, excluding the territorial waters of Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

### BEAVERBROOK FUNCTION

LORD BEAVERBROOK'S FUNCTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS WERE FURTHER DEFINED BY MR. CHURCHILL IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The Cabinet Defence Committee will work in two sections—operations and supply.

Mr. Attlee will be deputy chairman of the former and Lord Beaverbrook of the latter. Lord Beaverbrook will also act as referee on majority questions.

Reuter

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### RELEASE OF ESTELLE DEMANDED

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL" NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN VESSEL, "ESTELLE," SEIZED BY THE JAPANESE IN SHANGHAI AS THE SHIP WAS UNLOADING A LARGE COTTON CARGO, HAVE STARTED BETWEEN THE OWNERS AND THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

The U.S. consular authorities, meanwhile, have lodged a formal protest.

The Japanese indicated the cargo is considered as contraband but do not say whether it will be seized or returned later.

International News Service.

### MR. CHURCHILL SEES THE KING

Mr. Winston Churchill had an audience of the King yesterday, says Reuter from London.

### AN UNDERWATER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board a Dutch Submarine)

"AN UNDERWATER LEAGUE OF NATIONS" — such is a certain submarine flotilla now serving with the Allies. Besides Britain it contains Dutch, French and Polish submarines, all working in excellent cooperation.

How Dutch vessels came to join forces with the British Navy, despite attempts by German bombers to prevent them, was told by C. H. Pul, 34-year-old commander of this Dutch submarine.

"My submarine and another were at large when Holland was overrun," he said. "I went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and joined the British and later crossed the Atlantic to Britain. Altogether we must have covered 10,000 miles."

"Three other Dutch submarines patrolling off the Dutch coast slipped over to Britain, too, accompanied by others which were only half completed. They were dive-bombed by the Germans on the way but escaped undamaged."

"When we arrived in Britain we expected there might be difficulties but only a few minor ones arose, and these were soon straightened out: cooperation between ourselves and the British is excellent and this applies equally to the Poles and French."

"Officers and men are happy and enthusiastic: five of them have married British girls."

The captain, who has served 11 years in submarines, showed me over the vessel, which was as spick and span as a Dutch household.

"When we sailed from Holland originally we expected to be away only six weeks. We have been away two years now," Reuter.

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# NAZIS DIGGING DEEPER INTO MIRE

"THE GERMANS HAVE experienced during the past year that military conquest is not the same as winning people's cooperation; on the contrary, the frontiers between the Germans and other peoples have been broadened, says the "Gothenburg Handels-tidning."

Europe, which the Nazis intended to unite, is to-day less united than before the war.

Notwithstanding her victories, Germany from the military standpoint is about as far from her aim as a year ago.

When the Germans speak of chivalry which is freeing Greek and Yugoslav prisoners, it is making a virtue of necessity. They must be released to provide workers for fields and industries.

The paper continues: So much has been said about sinkings and the stoppage of England's imports but one forgets that Germany's occupied territories and communications are not either working smoothly.

They are at least equally considerable and vulnerable as traffic over the oceans.

### German Vulnerability

Mr. Willkie recently said that communications were Germany's vulnerable point and in a picture the "Volkskischer Beobachter" gives an astonishing revelation of how vulnerable they are.

It shows that a 5,000-ton ship's cargo capacity equals about 600 railway wagons.

The picture aims at showing the damage one torpedo can cause England. But it shows also what a great, delicate and difficult apparatus German transportation over wide areas is. — Reuter.

## MORE ITALIANS CAPTURED

British operations in the Amba Alagi area of Abyssinia are continuing to develop satisfactorily and British troops advancing on the town have captured a further 200 Italians, according to a Cairo G.H.Q. communique.

In the south, despite heavy rains, the Imperial forces are continuing the advance in all areas.

In the lakes district, south of Addis Ababa, Imperial troops successfully assaulted an enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing 13 Italian and 143 African prisoners.

In Iraq there is nothing of importance to report.

In Libya no change is reported in the situation at Tobruk.

In the Sollum area, the enemy carried out a reconnaissance in force, advancing eastwards in five small columns.

When met by advancing elements of the Imperial mechanised forces in the area west and south of Sollum, the enemy turned back. — Reuter.

## ANOTHER ADMIRAL CAPTURED

It was officially announced in Simla yesterday that Italian prisoners of war in India include 20 generals and one Admiral, while a second Admiral is expected shortly.

Camps have been designed to accommodate 3,000 prisoners. Four such camps make a group, which is guarded by two infantry battalions.

Seven such group camps have been established or are being established. — Reuter.

## CANADA'S RECORD BUDGET PASSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After less than a fortnight's debate, Canada's \$2,650,000,000 War Budget, an all-time high in the war or peace history of the Dominion, was adopted by the House of Commons in Ottawa without a recorded vote.—International News Service.

## Darlan Meets Hitler

Admiral Darlan was immediately received by Marshal Petain on his return to Vichy yesterday following his talks with Hitler and Ribbentrop.

A Vichy message to Berlin states a meeting of the Vichy Cabinet is being held this morning, when it is expected that Darlan will make a report on these conversations. — Reuter.

### Ribbentrop Present

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to an announcement issued in Berlin, Hitler held a conference with Admiral Darlan in the presence of the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.

The announcement does not say when or where the conference took place.

A Vichy message states that an announcement is expected to be issued to-morrow after Admiral Darlan had conferred with Marshal Petain who has returned to Vichy from his estate in the Riviera.—International News Service.

## Papen Gives A Display

The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, whose return from Germany, where he has been having consultations with Nazi leaders, had been expected for some time, arrived in Ankara last evening.

He came by air from Salzburg, where, according to German sources, he saw Hitler on Monday. Von Papen was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

CARRYING A YELLOW CANE AND WEARING A BLACK HAT, VON PAPEN LOOKED LIKE A FASHION PLATE WHEN HE STEPPED FROM THE 'PLANE.

Axial diplomats rushed to greet him, the Hungarian Minister loudly reminding him that he was dining at the Hungarian Legation that night.

Frau von Papen and their daughter, in white German motor-cycling costumes, accompanied the Ambassador.

The party entered an open Mercedes which led back to Ankara a long cavalcade of Lancias, Opels and Mercedes.

Ford taxis marshalled by accompanying newspaper correspondents struck the only discordant note in this atmosphere of splendour.—Reuter.

## OFFER TO STRIKERS REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWELVE HUNDRED AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR MACHINISTS HAVE REJECTED OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR ENDING THE STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES IN SAN FRANCISCO SHIP-YARDS.

Picket lines have been established with similar action by 700 Committee of Industrial Organisation machinists at Oakland.

A total of 20,000 workers are now idle in 11 yards, tying up \$500,000,000 of defence shipbuilding, including naval vessels. — International News Service.

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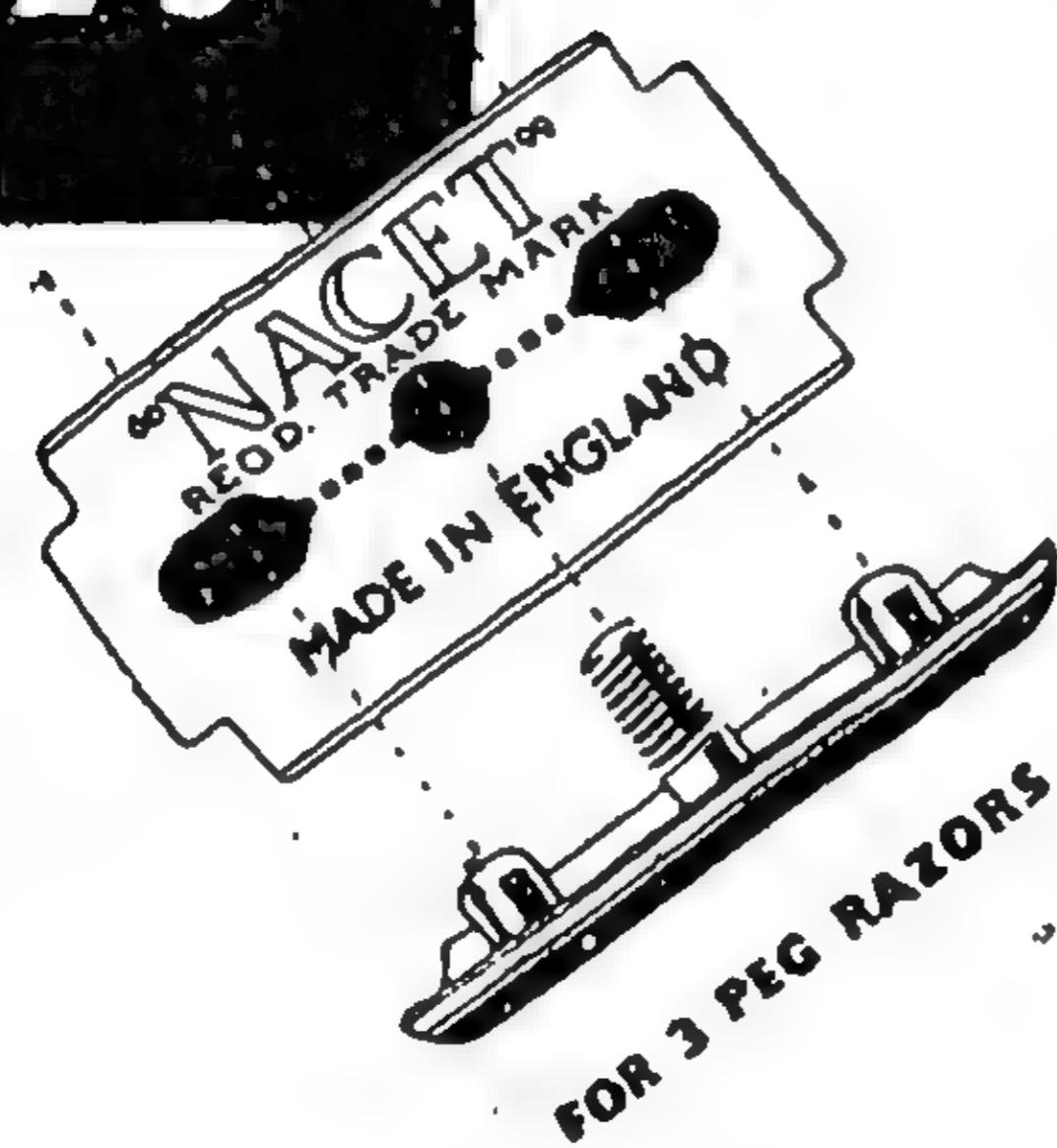
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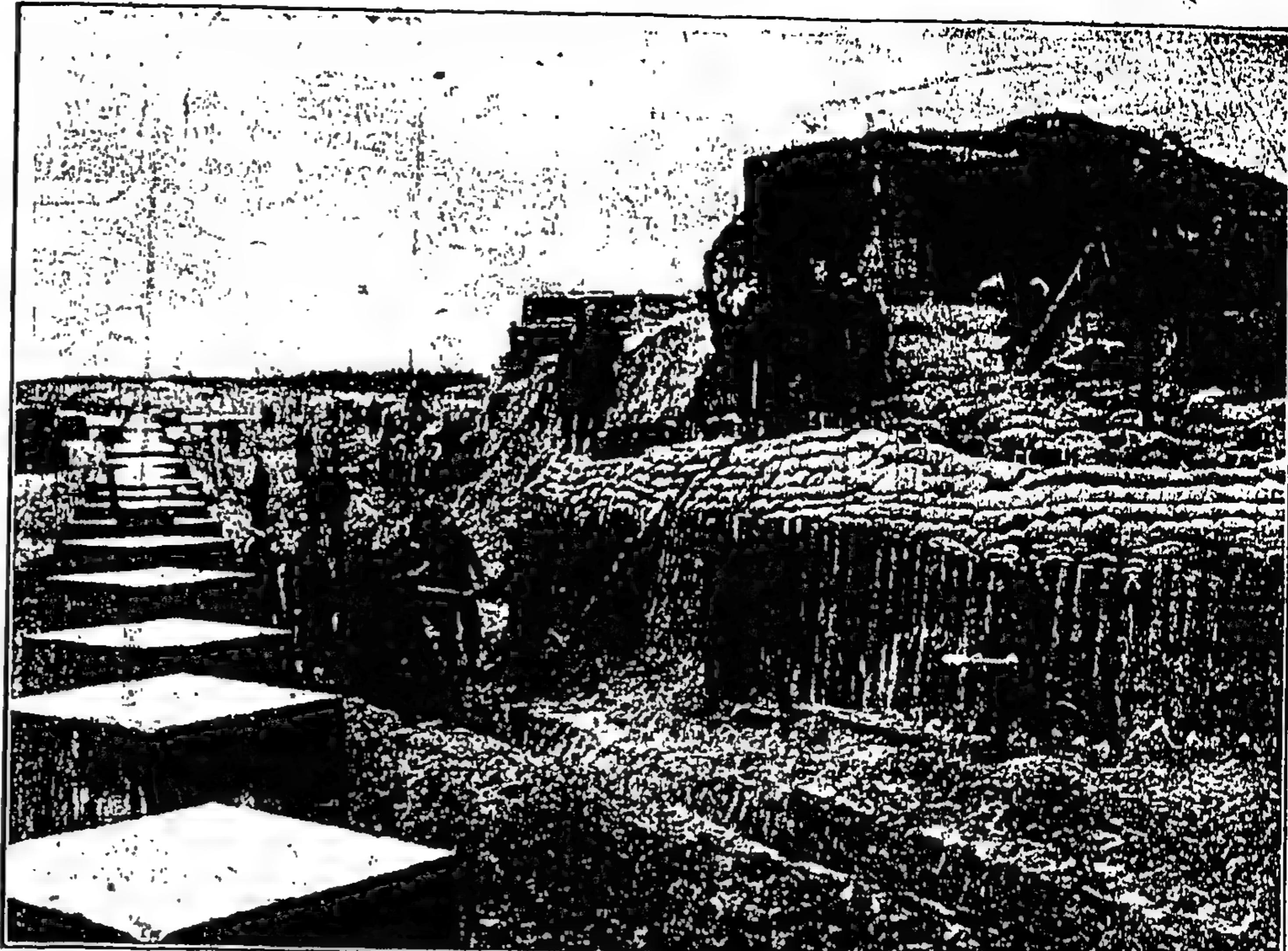
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Taken with the Polish Forces now in Scotland. Photo shows the Polish soldiers at work constructing coast defences.

## Britain's Fire Services Brought Under One Control

## EARL OF SUFFOLK KILLED

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire was killed by a bomb on Monday night, together with his secretary and five others.

The Earl, who had a colourful career, succeeded to the title at the age of 11. Since then he has been Guards officer, apprentice in the Merchant Marine and farm hand in Australia.

At the outbreak of war he became liaison officer for the Scientific Department of the Ministry in France.—Reuter.

THE WHOLE of Britain's fire brigade resources — now in the hands of 1,400 authorities in England and Wales alone — are to be brought under State control.

The Minister for Home Security announced in the Commons this drastic plan for combating air raid effects.

Brigades, said Morrison, will be grouped and directed in regions. Smallest units in the organisation will be sub-regions, comprising up to 30 local areas.

Mobile units for reinforcing and other special duties will be created.

Greater flexibility and speed and better direction and leadership are expected under the scheme than are now possible with the fire-fighting army divided into many small forces of varying size.

Most of the equipment is already standardised. Ninety per cent of war equipment was supplied by the Home Office.

Shortage of man-power will be met by the National Service Act of last April.

## No Reflection

The existing part-time Volunteer or Auxiliary Fire Service will become part of the new national organisation.

Mr. William Mabane, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, will supervise the creation and admin-

istration of the new organisation. Mr. Morrison added that it was no reflection on local authorities that the task had grown beyond local resources.—British Wireless.

achieve an understanding with England through personal contacts.

## Hitler Decree

A few hours before yesterday afternoon's disclosure by Deutschlandsender that Hess had flown to Scotland, a brief announcement had been made that Hitler had signed a decree stating that "the former official bureau of the Fuehrer's Deputy will in future be known as the Chancellery of the Party and the Chancellery has been taken over by me personally. Chief of the Bureau in future will be Martin Bormann."

Bormann, who is 40, has been Chief of Staff to Hess since 1933.

Meanwhile it can be stated that the Deputy Fuehrer, who since he landed by parachute on Saturday night has been treated as a prisoner, is at present in hospital where he is receiving treatment for a broken ankle. On arrival he was served out with the usual hospital equipment and late yesterday afternoon it was reported he was very comfortable, although suffering slight pain in the ankle.

## Officer Detailed

An officer has been detailed to attend to the requirements of the patient.

The newspapers emphasise the remarkable achievement of the flight indicating a high degree of physical and moral courage.

Although known as an expert airmen it was his first flight in a Messerschmidt 110 and he had never before baled out.

The last public speech in Germany by Hess was delivered on May Day at the Messerschmidt Works at Augsburg on a machine produced at these works in which he took special pride.

In the speech he said the development of these factories was particularly satisfactory to him for he knew them when the whole concern consisted of a couple of buildings which had now expanded into a vast series of gigantic sheds, and the few workers formerly employed had become thousands and thousands.

—British Wireless.

## WHAT GERMAN PUBLIC HAS BEEN TOLD

THE STORY of the escape from Germany to Britain by aeroplane of Deputy Fuehrer Hess reached the German public yesterday afternoon through its home broadcasts.

Prior to this statement by Deutschlandsender wireless station, information given to the German people was restricted to the German radio announcement mystifying the world with the suggestion that Hess was insane and had either met with a fatal accident or deliberately fallen out of the plane in which, defying the Fuehrer's orders, he had left Augsburg on Saturday last.

Observance of this silence until it could no longer be maintained will be readily understood. The German authorities were obviously placed in a position of acute difficulty by the Deputy Fuehrer's action, proclaiming as it does the unpalatable truth that stress and dissensions exist in the Nazi hierarchy.

As presented to the German public, Hess is now reported to have left behind papers tending to show he thought he could

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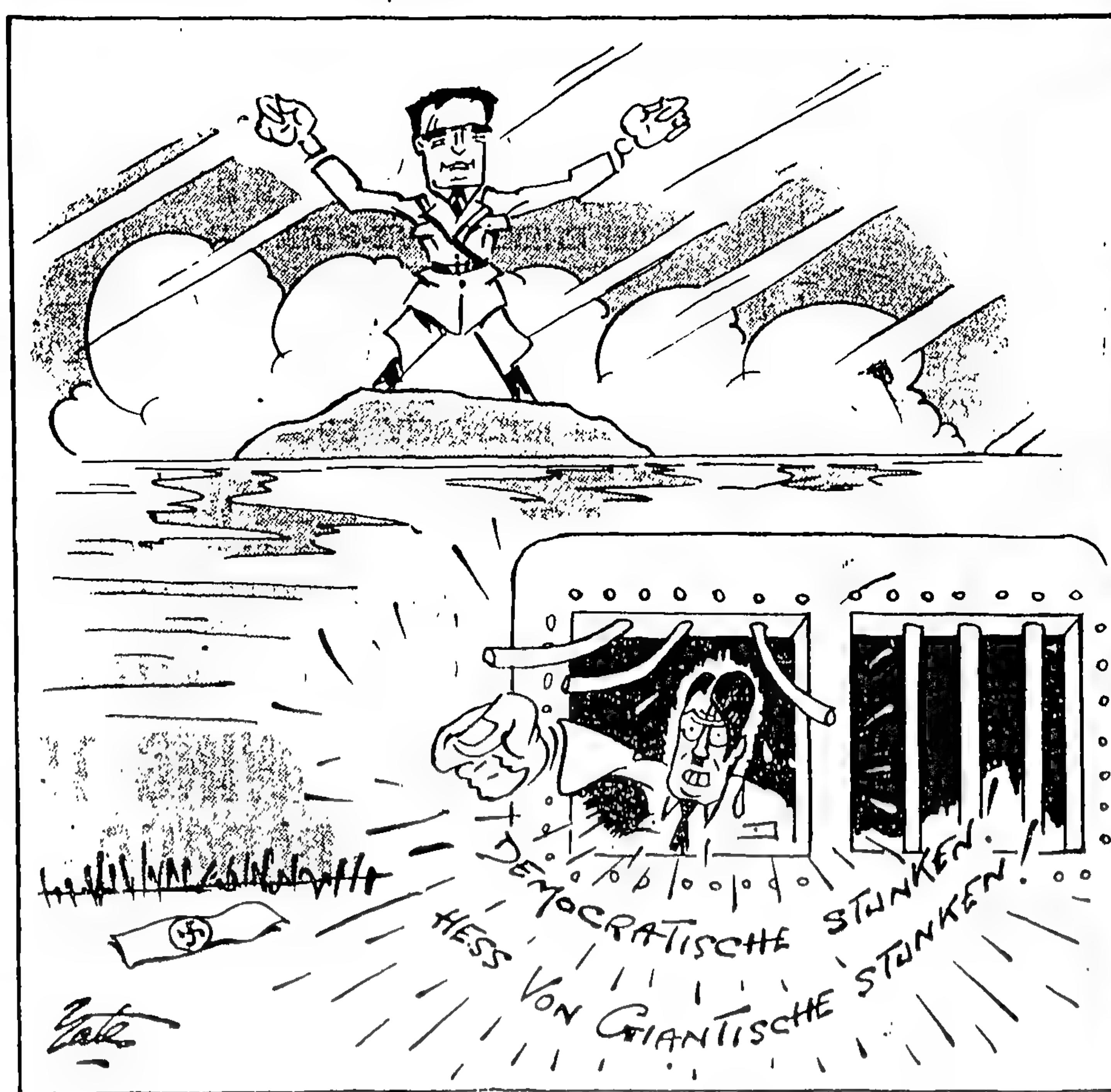
## THE AMAZING TALE OF RUDOLF HESS

The sensational desertion of Rudolf Hess, No. 3 in the Nazi hierarchy, first in succession to the Fuehrerdom after the gargantuan Goering, comes as so breathtaking a surprise as to leave nothing but complete bewilderment as to its underlying significance. The German version of this remarkable event can be taken for what it is worth. Truthful Joe, with his customary tireless efficiency, reached the ether quickest and sought to explain the lapse with the admission that, "sad to relate," a well-trained Nazi chieftain, long hardened in the school of villainy and chicane, had proved the victim of mental disorders and hallucinations, and had soared into the skies intending suicide.

If Herr Hess, at any time in the tortures of making his decision, was contemplating suicide, he was curiously careful to take a parachute with him, and sufficiently componemtis to use it at the appropriate moment.

Moreover, the German fairy-tale factory, while making much of the note he left behind him to justify accusations against the mental stability of Rudolf Hess, wisely omitted to provide quotations from the farewell document. True, it may not have been polite about Hitler. It is not difficult to conceive for that matter, that an honest and bitter indictment of the Nazi terror in Europe, a gloomy prediction of the catastrophe towards which Hitler is leading Germany, would be instantly classified by Hess's astounded ex-colleagues as clear evidence of mental aberration. That to free peoples, outside the grip of Nazi mumbo-jumbo, it could be interpreted as the first sign of sanity would certainly never occur to them.

It is an interesting fact in itself, also, that the immediate instinct of a Nazi wrenching himself free from claustrophobic confinement, seeking clean air instead of the dark cavern of Hitlerian philosophy in action, should be to make for Britain. Apparently even in a German mind, impregnated by close contact for years with the most malevolent mentality in Europe, the vision of Britain as a safe refuge, as the bastion of liberty, the home of freedom of



THE BREAK

# Torpedo Pilots Of The Navy

Come aboard H.M.S. Somewhere in Britain, a school shore station.

The young man we are watching, aged somewhere between eighteen and twenty-four, already has airmen's wings. He has qualified as a pilot before he joined the School.

Here, he graduates as a specialist torpedo pilot and he does it in five intensive stages.

First — Having flown various training aircraft he now flies the type he will use in actual torpedo operations, probably a Fairey Albacore or perhaps a Fairey Swordfish. These are the torpedo-bombers generally used by the Fleet Air Arm.

Second — Master of his machine, he does formation flying carrying a dummy torpedo slung in a steel cradle beneath the fuselage of his aircraft. He gets thoroughly used to the "feel" of that up-to-a-ion extra load.

Third — He learns team tactics — attack from all angles and by many methods. He smiles sardonically when he sometimes reads that an enemy ship zig-zagged to evade attack.

Four — Used to the "feel" of his dummy, he practices firing it at a target. He experiences for the first time the alarming sensation as his aircraft leaps anything from ten to forty feet upwards the moment it loses its load.

He has pressed the release button at the split-second when, after a breath-taking dive, maybe from 10,000 feet, his aircraft is on an even keel before it climbs steeply out of the hellish stream of imaginary enemy fire.

Five — Now our pilot is one of the first who have survived the

thought, still gleamed through.

What lies behind the dramatic flight, remains to be disclosed. But it is crystal clear, without that information, that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark."

By  
**John Cashel**

eliminating tests. He begins exercises that are the last stage to the real thing, firing actual torpedoes with dummy heads at more and more difficult targets, stationary and moving.

He perfects that split-second "touch" when, at the bottom of his dive the man matters more than the machine.

No inefficient aspirant passes through the net.

Torpedoes cost money, something like £3,000 each. The F.A.A. cannot afford an avoidable miss costing, perhaps, half as much as a plane, nor the loss of a chance that has meant so much planning.

Torpedo-firing is an art as much as a science. Torpedo "sights" are not as definite as those of a bomber or gunner. Accuracy depends enormously on superb man-skill, backed by cool and unsurpassed courage in the face of armed opposition.

No torpedo pilot can find his mark without being within close sight and easy range of every weapon in the enemy's anti-aircraft armoury.

Before the split-second, his brain works at lightning speed. The precise height at which he must pull out of his dizzy dive, the speed of a moving target and its probable course of evasion, the setting of his torpedo for speed and running depth are but a few of the calculations that flash through his brain.

Time is too short for "nerves."

"Really," a pilot told me, "it's just like shooting at a running rabbit. You don't fire dead at it, but ahead."

And those baffling and confusing heights from which, we are told, torpedoes are released? Some say 16 feet, some 150. Some 500.

Well, only the Fleet Air Arm knows the explanation. There are torpedoes and torpedoes.

Sometime, during the five stages at the Torpedo School, the trainee has tried landing on boards that represent the deck of an aircraft-carrier. He practises on one set placed on the runway to represent the "round-down" of a carrier, on another denoting the spot where he should touch down on the deck.

### Final Touches At Sea

Now, his fifth stage over, he leaves the School behind him, and goes aboard an aircraft-carrier for real deck-landing practice. There he becomes a fully-made torpedo pilot, ready for appointment to an operational squadron...

He was born as an airmen many months before and has gone through all the stages that are necessary for every Fleet Air Arm pilot, before he arrived at the Torpedo School.

Aboard land ship H.M.S. — he lives a naval life, preparatory to his future at sea. He "comes aboard" every time he enters the station, and "goes ashore" whenever he steps out of it.

His room is a "cabin." His mess the "wardroom." He talks in terms of port and starboard, of knots instead of miles. He hears the Quartermaster pipe the daily routine over a broadcasting system of loud-speakers much like that in a ship.

He is piped up in the morning with "Heave, ho! Heave, ho! Lash up and stow!" (Though there are no hammocks to stow away.) He hears "Stand Easy!" for the ten-minutes mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, and "Out Pipes!" for duties to be resumed; "Hands to Dinner!" for the mid-day meal.

He calls the cookhouse the gallery, and lives in a hut named after an admiral, Sailor, as well as airmen is the torpedo-pilot.

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# TANKS BATTLE IN BLAZING HEAT

AN ENEMY FIVE-POINTED THRUST — AN OPERATION ENTIRELY WITHOUT SUPPORT — WAS MADE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN THE WESTERN DESERT IN BLAZING HEAT AND IN A SANDSTORM, SAID THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

The spokesman added that when they met with opposition the enemy columns retired to their starting line near Sollum.

"There is every evidence the Germans are experiencing the greatest administrative problems, particularly supplies of water, food and ammunition," said the spokesman, commenting on the thrust towards Egypt.

In the thrust (says Reuter's special correspondent with a mobile patrol in the Western Desert) the enemy appeared to be using about 200 vehicles operating in independent columns without supply lines. These would doubtless be established later if the Germans found they had penetrated far enough to make them necessary.

#### Sunrise Attack

Starting at sunrise the enemy lunged out five columns towards Egypt. All columns were engaged and the battle raged from the sea, between Sollum and Buqubug, 50 miles into the desert.

The first German column, pushing along the coastal road leading to Sidi Barrani, encountered British advanced defensive positions.

Another column, which came down from the escarpment, curved southwards from Serand and endeavoured to advance in a parallel direction along the coastal plain.

#### Immense Mobility

On the escarpment, two columns crossed the Egyptian frontier west of Sollum and south of the British forces.

The battle on the escarpment was one of immense mobility, since in the rolling desert columns can pass unnoticed within a few miles of the other. On the previous night, continues Reuter's correspondent, I returned from terrain on which this escarpment fighting took place.

#### British Operation

I had been accompanying a highly mobile British patrol which, in the course of a lightning operation, had cleared all German troops west and south of Sollum out of Egypt in the course of a few days' fighting.

After reaching Libya the British patrol retired, having achieved its object.

DURING THIS OPERATION THE BRITISH COLUMN MET PARTIES OF GERMAN TANKS. ALL OF WHICH WERE PUT TO FLIGHT, AS WELL AS ABOUT 600 TRANSPORT VEHICLES. CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES WERE INFILCTED ON THE ENEMY. — REUTER.

## INEFFECTIVE RAIDS ON MALTA

A succession of attacks were made on Malta on Monday night by Axis aircraft, with little success.

A British communiqué says that despite the number of bombs dropped no service or civilian casualties were suffered and there was almost negligible civilian damage.

Yesterday morning the attacks were followed up by escorted reconnaissance planes, and in the afternoon a small bomber formation escorted by a large number of fighters dropped bombs, causing little damage.

Patrolling Hurricanes engaged the enemy fighters and some of these were seen to be damaged.

Civilian casualties were few although some were seriously injured and damage was done to civil government and civilian property, and a chapel and school were also hit. — Reuter.

## CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT SEEING THE WORLD

Captain James Roosevelt, has returned to Cairo from a short visit to Crete, where he delivered to the King of the Hellenes a letter from his father, the President of the United States. — Reuter.

## HALIFAX TO BE MASS GUARDIAN

Under the provisions of a Bill which was given a special reading in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the U.S., will be appointed guardian of 838 British children in the U.S.

In addition, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, High Commissioner to Canada, will be made guardian of 1,540 British children in Canada who were sent there under the auspices of the Overseas Reception Board.

This step, which has already been taken in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, was taken because in the present emergency in the case of an immediate operation, the consent of the child's parent or guardian must first be obtained. — Reuter.

## SHANGHAI GUN BATTLES

Two were killed and approximately 12 wounded in two sensational gun battles in the International Settlement of Shanghai yesterday.

Chinese Superintendent Yue of the Municipal Police and a pedestrian were shot dead while a detective sergeant, bodyguard of Yue, and a ricksha coolie were wounded when two gunmen fired on Yue, who was riding in a ricksha in the centre of the amusement and shopping district.

Motive is believed to be political.

Ten were wounded in another fierce gun battle on the western border of the Settlement, between a Municipal Police party and bodyguards travelling in an automobile with Mrs. Ho Sze-pao, wife of the chief of Wang Ching-wel's special police branch. — Reuter.

## RUBBER DINGHIES FOR PILOTS

R.A.F. FIGHTER PILOTS ARE NOW BEING FITTED OUT WITH COLLAPSIBLE RUBBER DINGHIES — LITTLE ONE-MAN BOATS THAT ARE INCORPORATED WHEN DEFLATED IN THE PARACHUTE PACK.

Bomber crews have long carried rubber boats and many lives

have been saved through their use but hitherto the fighter pilot has had to rely on his "Mae West" or life jacket.

Now that Fighter Command pilots are constantly flying across the Channel on offensive patrols into Northern France they are to be similarly equipped.

The new type of dinghy is packed with the parachute in a cushion on which the pilot sits in the cockpit. — British Wireless.



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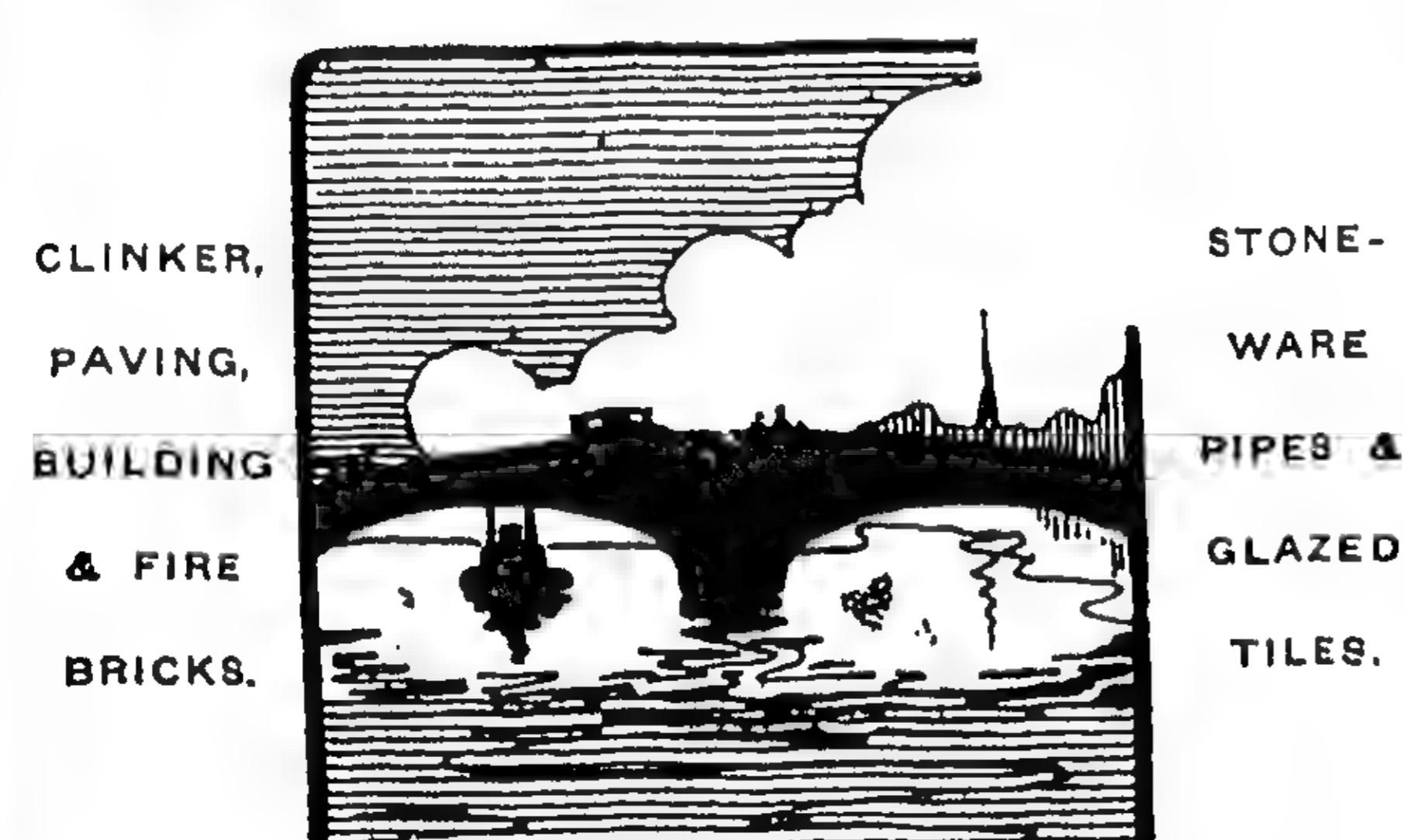
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# Puisne Judge's Decision In Driving Tuition Fee Case

WRITTEN JUDGMENT was given by Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Summary Court this morning in a case in which Atter Singh, represented by Mr. C. A. Russ, claimed the return of \$70, money paid to Q. W. Sing (represented by Mr. Kan Yuet-kung, of Messrs. Deacons) for a course in motor driving.

Mr. Justice Cressall said:—  
"The following are the facts which gave rise to the action:—The plaintiff being desirous of obtaining a licence to drive a motor car arranged with the defendant, who is the owner of a driving school, to take a course of lessons in the mysteries of the art of driving a car in Hong Kong and the adjacent territories. It was agreed between the parties that the fee for the course should be \$55 and a sum of \$30 was paid on account."

## Receipt Wording

"The defendant thereupon gave the plaintiff a stamped receipt worded as follow:—

"To a comprehensive course of motor driving tuition until proficient to pass the Police Test for a local private car licence inclusive of car and gasoline fifty five dollars (\$55.00). If no driving tuition is given money will be refunded. Received with thanks \$30 (thirty dollars) on account."

"It appears that the words 'limited to fifteen hours driving' were inserted by the defendant, but these were subsequently erased presumably at the request of the plaintiff. The course was duly commenced, the plaintiff paying the balance of \$25 during the period of the course. There is a conflict of evidence as to the actual number of lessons given, the plaintiff alleging that he received only eight of roughly 15-20 minutes each, while the defendant insists that he was given 15 to 20 lessons of 50 minutes each. Be that as it may, the fact remains that on October 30, 1940, plaintiff presented himself for examination, but, unfortunately, or fortunately, as the case may be, failed to satisfy his examiner."

"Thereupon a further arrangement was made, whereby the plaintiff was given extra lessons for an additional sum of \$15. On December 30, he made another attempt to pass the examination but once again was doomed to disappointment."

"The question I have to determine is whether, in these circumstances, the plaintiff is entitled to claim his money back."

## Failure Of Consideration

"It is common ground that, as a general rule, a person is entitled to recover on a total failure of the consideration but where money has been paid for an entire consideration and there is only partial failure of such consideration neither the whole nor any part of such sum can be recovered."

"Thus where a plaintiff apprehended his son to a watchmaker and jeweller for the term of six years paying to the master a premium of £25 and the master died after having given only one year's instruction, it was held on an action brought to recover the whole or part of such premium, that the failure being only partial, the action was not maintainable."

## Correct Version

"Having carefully reviewed the evidence given, I have no hesitation in saying that I accept the defendant's version of the whole transaction as the correct one and I do not accept the plaintiff's statement that the understanding between them was for an unlimited course of instruction. I am satisfied that the defendant taught the plaintiff to the best of his skill and knowledge and the fact that his pupil failed on two occasions to satisfy the examiners was not in my opinion due to lack of tuition but to the plaintiff's nervousness and lack of self-control."

"The plaintiff himself admits that he was nervous when undergoing the tests and I fail to see how any person, be he a tutor of motor car driving, cab-driving or even rickshaw-pulling, can be expected to include a cure for nervousness in his curriculum."

## RETAIL TRADE PROBLEMS

The President of the Board of Trade yesterday announced the appointment of a committee to advise him on problems confronting retail traders.

The committee's terms of reference will be "To examine present problems of the retail trade in goods other than food, having regard both to the immediate needs of the conduct of the war and to the position after the war, and to report."

Mr. Lyttelton, who made the announcement in reply to Commons questions, added that he proposed, as soon as the committee had had time for preliminary discussion, to consult with the chairman, Mr. W. Craig Henderson, with the object of preparing one or more interim reports on the more urgent aspects of the subjects. — British Wireless.

## MENACES CHARGE

Accused of having demanded \$60 with menaces from Kwok Lo at Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on Monday, Tan Mai, 28, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson of Kowloon for further enquiries.

Det.-Sgt. Bethell is in charge of the case.

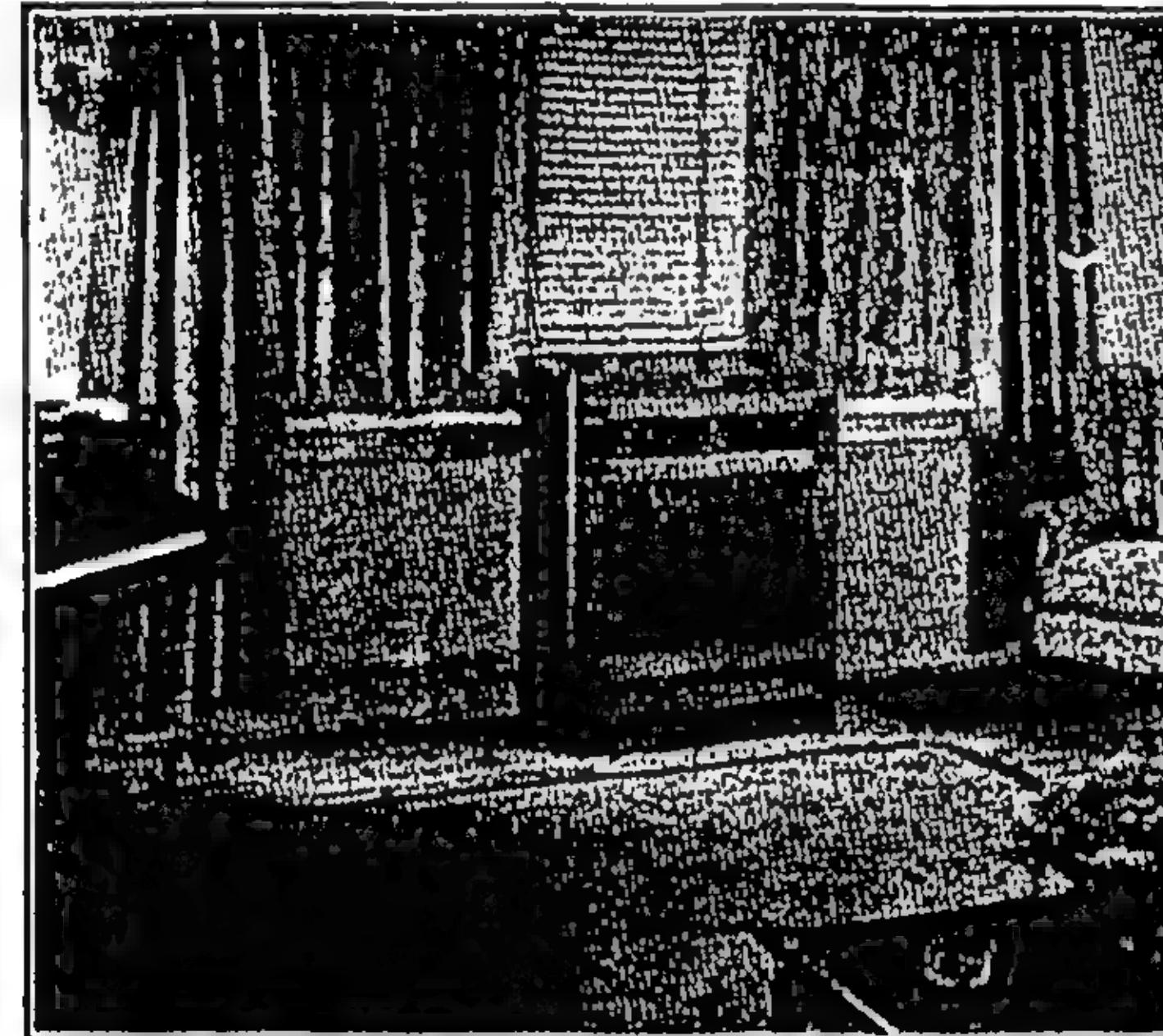
## SHORTER BAYONETS

The Indian Army, it was announced in Simla yesterday, is to have shorter bayonets, which have been found to be more effective in patrol work, says Reuter.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 14th May, 1941, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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IN THE MATTER of the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance 1914

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In the Matter of American Far Eastern Syndicate, Incorporated Hong Kong.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

## THE DELUGE

## By The Four Aces

We came in on the tail end of a terrific argument the other night at a well-known New York Bridge club. Here's the hand that set off the fireworks:

South, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

♦ Q 9 7 4	♦ 10 8	♦ K 5 4 2	♣ Q 10 4
♦ Q 6 5 4	♦ 3 2	♦ Q 3	♦ A 5
♦ A 8 6 3	♦ 7 6	♦ A K 9	♦ K 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 5	♦ J 7 2	♦ A J 10	♦ J 7 2
♦ A 6	♦ 6	♦ 6	♦ 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♦	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

When the smoke cleared, South had managed to win ten tricks! He scored 160 below the line, 1,200 for overtricks, 700 for the rubber!

West screamed to high heaven about a partner who could have passed one no-trump but chose instead to invite trouble by doubling.

East was just as emphatic in denouncing a partner who had the gall to pass a double of one no-trump, with a hand which was practically worthless defensively. And as for passing the redouble—there East indicated that the language didn't have words strong enough!

We ducked out before anybody could drag us into the argument, but there was no doubt in our mind as to the rights and wrongs of the matter. East's double was perfectly sound and normal; it would have been very productive if West held fair defensive strength.

But West had only to look at his own hand and remember that East had passed at one heart! East simply couldn't have enough to defeat one no-trump! If West had "run" to two hearts, the hand would almost surely have been played at a part score contract. Even if North and South had gone on to game they could not have scored 2,000 points.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were Oswald Jucoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ J 7	♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♦ K 9 8	♦ K 9 8
♦ K 8 4	♦ K 8 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Major
10	1♦	20	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
30	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner cannot be looking for game, since he passed your raise to two diamonds. Since he is just trying for a part score, you have no reason to increase the contract, for you have bid your full values.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three hearts, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 715

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

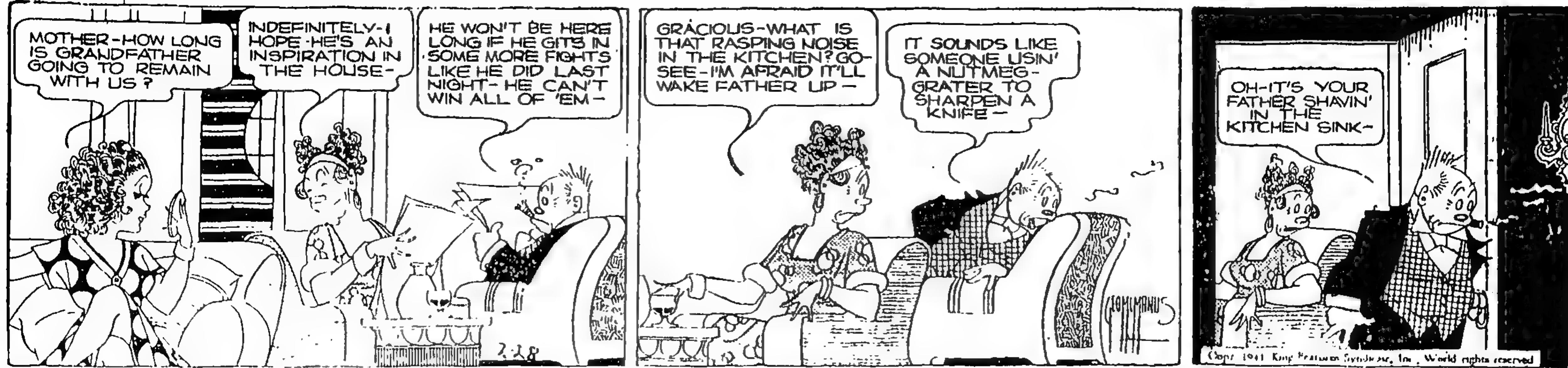
♦ K 7 3	♦ A K 4	♦ K 5 2	♦ A K 6
♦ K 6 5 4	♦ 3 2	♦ Q 3	♦ A 5
♦ A 8 6 3	♦ J 7 2	♦ A J 10	♦ K 9 8 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Major	Schenken
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

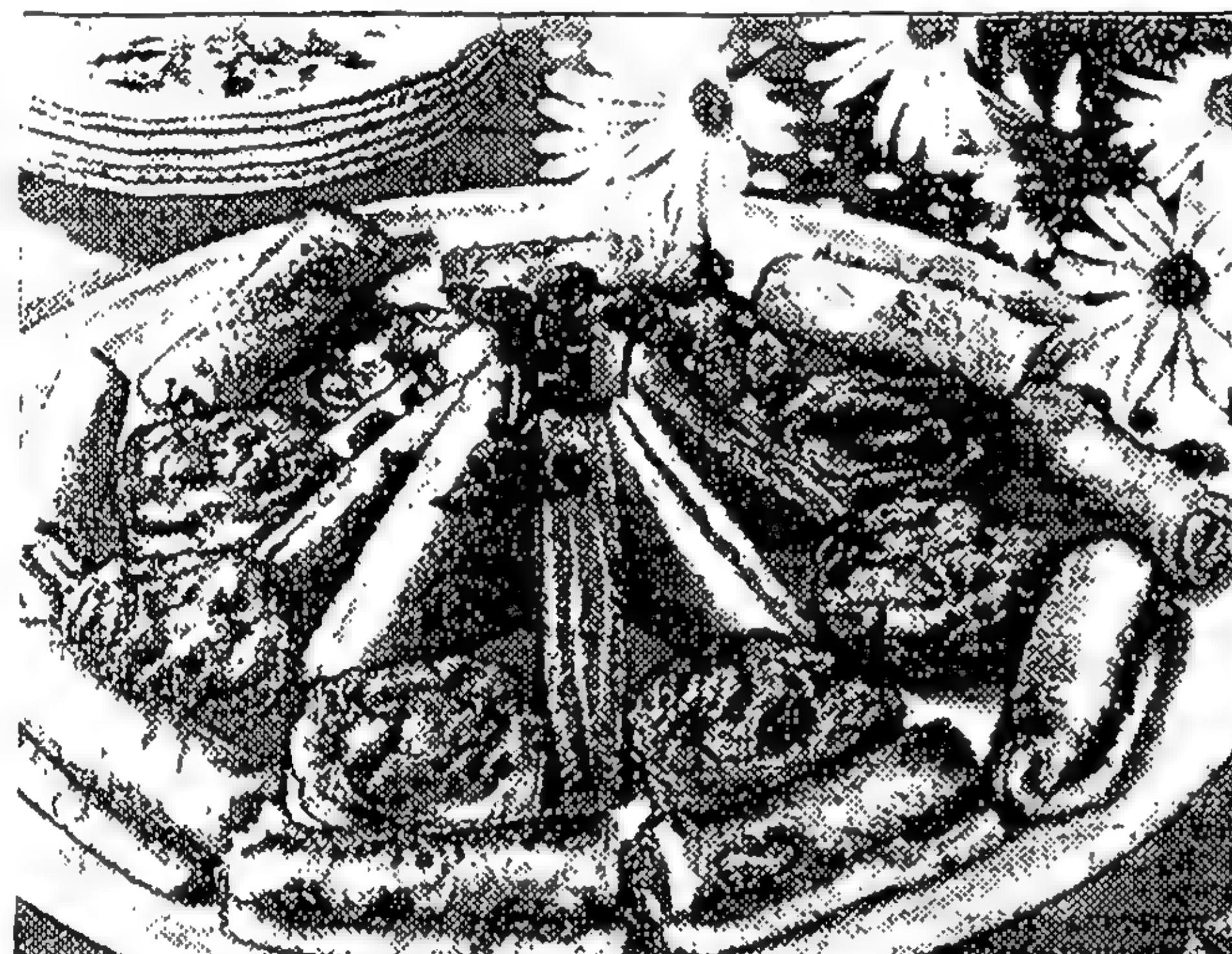
## Bringing Up Father



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## New Tricks For Party Sandwiches

by Dorothy Greig



Part of the fun of making party sandwiches is to cut them in interesting shapes, tiny rounds, long fingers, rolls, triangles.

Brush with butter and toast in broiler.

### Bean With Bacon Sandwich Filling

1 can condensed bean with bacon soup

1/4 cup chili sauce

2 tab spoons salad or mayonnaise dressing.

Empty the bean with bacon

soup, just as it comes from the can, into a bowl. Add the chili sauce and salad or mayonnaise dressing and mix well.

To make sandwich: Spread one slice of bread with butter and the other slice of bread with the "Bean with Bacon" filling. Put together with lettuce or cole slaw.

Makes 8-10 sandwiches.

Note: This mixture may be stored in refrigerator.

# Improved Posture

This year, 1941, brings all women to attention—at least it should. It is no year for weaklings. A grave present and a graver future demand that women turn about face and make themselves not only most useful but strong in body and spirit.

Past is the era of drooping, relaxed attitudes and the clinging vine, helpless beauty, or casually indifferent woman. Those women will not be admired during this realistic period—in fact they are in danger of being despised.

Strength, as you know, comes with a healthy body which coordinates with a balanced, healthy mind. Every girl and woman should strive to attain such physical perfection. If you are ailing do get to the root of your trouble. Do not let it hang on to make you uncomfortable and to irritate those around you.

Every woman can face the spring in better health if she will exercise to improve her posture. Even though you may think your posture is pretty good it does not hurt in the least to check it over and see if you are giving your body the chance it needs to be healthy.

Ever so slightly rounded shoulders, for instance, can cause several ills. If your shoulders sag your chest does too, denying your lungs the full expansion they



Fresh as spring itself is DOROTHY DARRELL in a pretty print frock. Her perfect posture makes her appear alluringly buoyant.

should have. This poor posture habit also makes you "rest" on

### Encourage Health

There is no doubt about it, good posture, or improved posture encourages health. I know it is not easy to correct long-standing bad habits, but it can be done! Get into the habit of forcibly pulling your abdomen in and up thus lifting your chest and pushing your shoulders straighter. At first the flabby abdomen muscles will not do your bidding, but keep after them. Whenever you think of it, pull them in and stand erectly.

After the abdomen muscles are convinced you mean business you can start on those of the derriere. To get the feel of what you should do in order to keep your buttocks in pleasing alignment, ask someone to spank you smartly when you least expect the spanking. Your immediate reaction will be to draw your buttocks in and down. That's where they belong! You will notice also that when they are in their proper position your spine from end to tip straightens noticeably, and if you hold the improved posture for a few moments you will experience fatigue leaving your body—for it is grateful that each organ is being held in its normal, healthy position.

And to inspire you let me remind you that figure and facial beauty are terribly dependent upon good posture. If you want to be lovely looking, healthy and stronger you will learn to stand and walk in the best of postures!

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"We'll hafta make this a 'blitzkrieg' — Ma expects me home in twenty minutes!"

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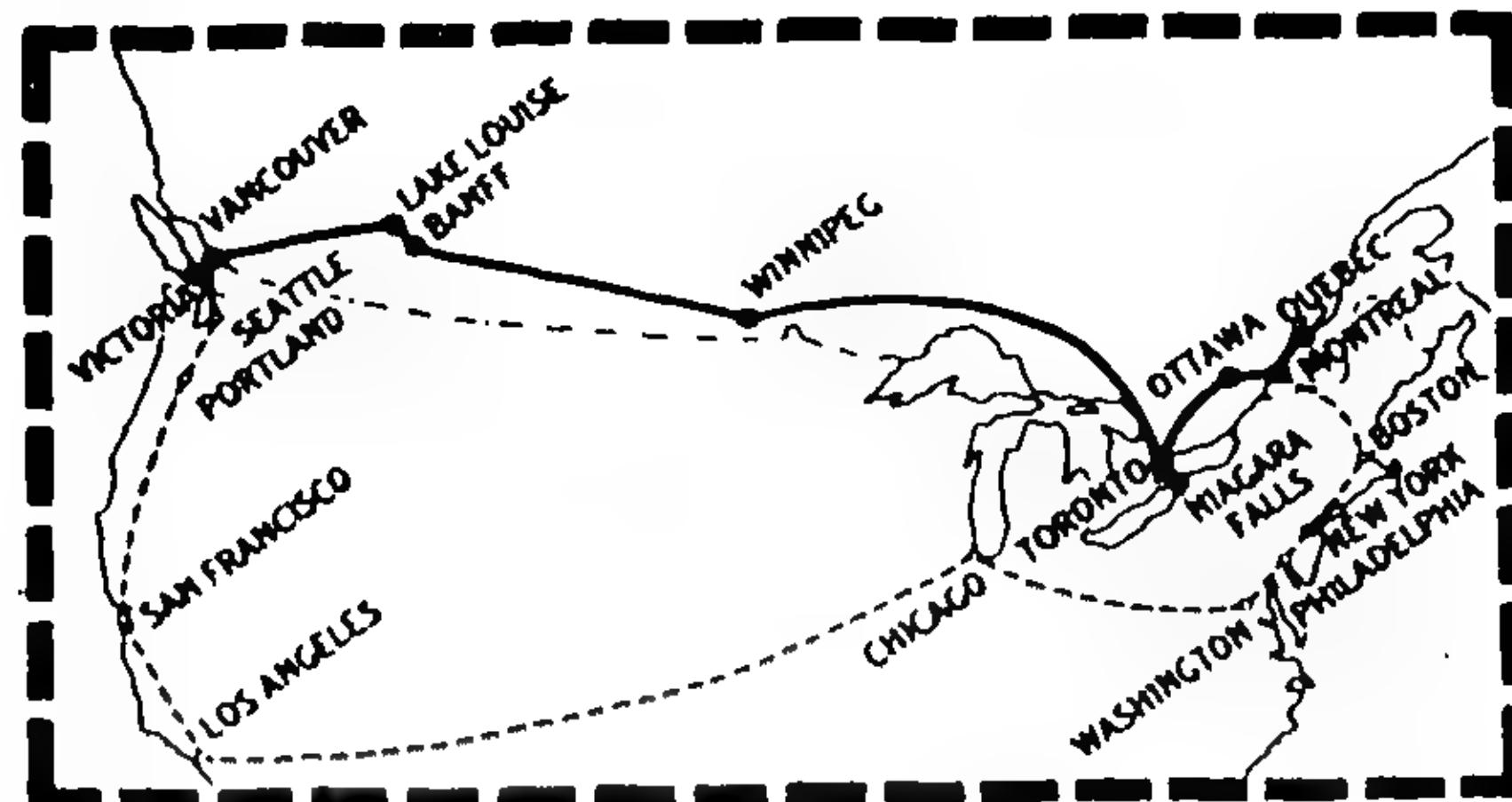
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6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
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6.32 p.m.—Variety.  
Hilarious—Play Up and Pay the Dame (Wakefield); Keeping a Stiff Upper ... Oliver Wakefield  
Instrumental—H. C. Q. Strut (Reinhardt, Grappelli). The Quintet of the Hot Club of France with Django Reinhardt (Guitar) & Stephane Grappelli (Violin).

Vocal—You Gave Me Everything But Love (Kochler—Arlen); This Time It's Love Adelaide Hall with piano accomp.

Instrumental—Bantry Bay Hornpipe  
The Hanafin (violin and accompaniment with piano)  
Vocal—Form Fours—War Songs Medley (arr Giraud)—Intro: If You Want to Find the Sergeant; Leap Frog; Mop It Down, Mary Had a Little Lamb; Last Long Mile; Rotten Song, Bully and Stew; And When I Die, Old MacDougal Had a Farm, I Want to Go Home, Rolling Home Because We're Here The Big Four with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Slow Fox-Trot—When June Comes; Quick-Step You Gorgeous Dancing Doll Alex Moore presents Mantovani & his Music for Dancing.

Fox-Trot—Goodnight My Beautiful Ken "Shakehips" Johnson and his West Indian Orchestra

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements  
8.02 p.m.—Amy Woodforde-Finden's "Four Indian Love Lyrics" sung by Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

8.10 p.m.—An Orchestral and Violin Programme.

With the Classics Medley (arr Sidney Crook) Intro Polonaise (Chopin); Moments Musicaux (Schubert); Rosamunde Ballet (Schubert); Nocturne (Chopin); March (Tchaikovsky); Waltz of the Flowers (Tchaikovsky); William Tell Overture (Rossini); Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy (Tchaikovsky); Minute Waltz (Chopin); Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt); Alfredo Camponi & his Concert Orchestra

Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne); (Heinz Probst); Melodi (Skold); Otto Kyndel (Violin) with piano accomp.

Pan Americana (Herbert) Columbia Symphony Orchestra, In My Heart Hungarian Melody (Mistraki); Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates); Georges Tzigane (violin) with organ

Hungarian Dance No 5 (Brahms); Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air); Rode and his Tzigane

African Serenade (Boulanger); American Vision (Boulanger); George Boulanger (violin) with piano accomp.

The Midnight Waltz (Amodio); Neapolitan Nights (Zamecnik); London Novelty Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Compositions of Faure; Ballade, Op 19; Mme Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orchestra

Les Roses d'Ispahan; Lydia Roger Bourdin (Baritone) with piano accomp.

Elegie, Op 24; Maurice Marechal (Cello) with piano accomp.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

Whisper and I Shall Hear (Piccolomini); True Till Death (Scott Gatty); soloist John Duncan.

Carry me back to Green Pastures (Pepper); soloist George James.

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Fourth of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood.

Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays. Those taking part are: Jess Graham-Barrow, Sheila Mackinlay, Vera Murrell, Cyril Champkin and H. L. Duncan.

10.35 p.m.—The Albert Sandler Trio and Orchestra.

A Little Love, a Little Kiss (Silesu); Because (d'Hardelet) ... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

Le Canari (Pollakin); Faery Song (from "The Immortal Hour")... Albert Sandler Trio.

Halfway to Heaven (film "The Street Singer"); If You Only Knew (from "Crest of the Wave")... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

Romance in E Flat (Rubinstein)... Albert Sandler Trio.

Down in the Forest (Sir L. Ronald)... Albert Sandler & his Orch.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

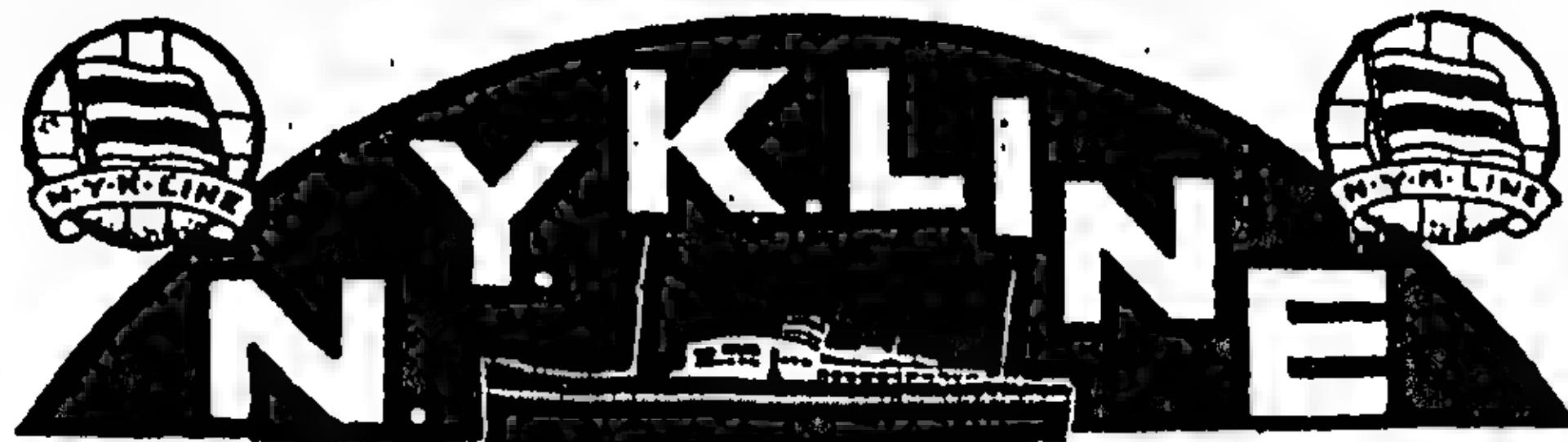
## PLANE, PILOT'S SUIT GIFT

Among the gifts for aircraft announced by the Minister for Aircraft Production is £5,075 from the Fur Trade of Great Britain Spitfire Fund for a machine to be called Flying Fox.

The pilot of the machine is to be given a specially-made thermally-insulated fur suit.

## VESSEL LOST

Reuter from Simla reports an official Government of India announcement of the loss by enemy action of H.M.S. Paravane.



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About this time each year a golf widow feels it's time to dig out the weeds.

## STAY IN SHELTER SLUM FOR MONTHS

A public air raid shelter in the provinces was described by Lord Horder as an "underground slum."

In it there are aged and infirm people who have not been outside for four months.

Lord Horder made this disclosure when addressing the Royal Empire Society in London.

He said he had also seen some public shelters in the provinces where children had remained for a month without coming out.

### Anxiety

The "underground slum," he said, was causing so much anxiety to the Regional Commissioner that he was seriously considering whether he would not advise the Ministries concerned to compulsorily evacuate children from it.

There were some people, he added, who felt safer in large public shelters.

It was fifty-fifty anyway as far as safety was concerned whether you were in a public shelter or your own home.

## CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was generally firm yesterday with sentiment cheerful. Lending industries improved on country buying. Kaffir dividend payers met active. Cape enquiry while diamonds were also good. Oils were firm, with Mexican Eagles and Anglo-Egyptian bid higher. Gilt-edged and home rail's were about unchanged. Among foreign issues Japanese and Chinese bonds improved. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

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## SCHOOL MANAGER FINED

SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR OPERATING AN UNREGISTERED SCHOOL AT NO. 54, NGA TSIM LONG ROAD ON APRIL 29, MAK KIT-HO, MANAGER OF CHAN WAH SCHOOL, WAS FINED \$25.

Mr. J. M. Wilson, Acting Inspector of Schools, stated that accused was the registered manager of the Chan Wah School at No. 60, Nga Tsim Wei Road. A Sanitary Inspector, who recently inspected the school, found 29 students in excess on the premises and subsequently accused was instructed to move the excessive numbers.

Accused then made an application to the Education Department for a branch school at No. 54, Nga Tsim Long Road, and, before the application was granted, started to operate.

The authorities found the location of this branch was not good for the students' health.

Mr. Wilson said that accused was not an uneducated person so he should not profit at the expense of the students.

The school was ordered to be closed within one week.

## VATICAN RADIO JAMMED

BROADCASTING AT SLOW DICTATION SPEED A MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO A MAN IN FRANCE WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN PORTUGAL, THE VATICAN RADIO ANNOUNCER SAID: "We beg our listeners to excuse us for speaking so slowly and continually repeating words, but for several weeks now Vatican Radio has been jammed by an unknown source.

"We have never broadcast anything not in accordance with the laws of nature and of God, and no reports of which we had not previously obtained irrefutable proof. "We conclude that this is a manoeuvre by certain people who are afraid of the truth being heard—the work of Powers of a lying propaganda, that shun the light."

## IRAQ EVACUEES

Six British evacuees, women and children, from Iraq arrived in Karachi yesterday, according to a Reuter message.



## PRIZE COURT HEARING

Application for the condemnation as droits of the Admiralty cargo belonging or consigned to enemy firms, was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at a sitting of the Prize Court this morning.

Mr. T. J. Gould made the applications.

The first case concerned a number of parcels and letters seized in Hong Kong. Some of the letters contained cheques and drafts to the enemy.

At the outbreak of the war four enemy ships, Elbe, Kulmerland, Nordmark and Sophie Rickmers, with cargo for Hong Kong and under lien to banks in the Colony, took refuge in neutral ports, two in Japan and two in the Netherlands East Indies.

As the local banks had discounted the bills for the cargo, they stood to lose a considerable amount if this cargo was not brought forward. A licence was granted to these banks by the Crown, whereby they were to defray all expenses to bring the cargo to Hong Kong which was to be sold, if it belonged to the enemy. The bank was then to be reimbursed, the surplus to go to the Crown.

The surplus was over \$100,000 and this amount Mr. Gould asked to be condemned as droits of the Admiralty which was granted.

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## HONGKONG &

# SERIES OF UPSETS MARK SATURDAY'S RACE MEETING

## Amber II Confounds Critics And Pays Best Dividend

By "Rapier"

THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE WHICH FAVOURED THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT THE VALLEY ON SATURDAY WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE GATHERING OF RACING ENTHUSIASTS. WITH THE TRACK VERY HARD, THE GOING WAS FAST AND IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE WHEN AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND BROKE BY 9-2/5 SECONDS THE RECORD FOR THE 1-1/2 MILES, PREVIOUSLY HELD BY UNITED EXPRESS.

Mr. Li Shiu-fai suffered an unfortunate mishap, when he was thrown by Beauford in the first race and rendered unconscious, and Corvette was shot following the last event, in which it broke a shoulder blade.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, were interested spectators in the Steward's enclosure.

Mr. L. B. Chao headed the list of previous conquerors over the two-mile distance, with two wins and a second to his credit, followed by Mr. D. Black with two wins and two thirds, while honours among owners went deservedly to Mr. S. W. Lee, with two wins, a second and a third.

The first race, the Carpenteria Handicap for "E" Class Australian ponies, ridden by novice jockeys, was instituted for the first time and started a day of upsets. Harmony Star, well ridden by Mr. S. W. Lee, the owner, winning and paying the second best dividend of the day.

Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chiu Kit-fan) took the lead, followed by Grand Allegiance (Mr. Sequeira) and Harmony Star. When the field entered the Straight, it became evident that the finish would be fought out between Sydney Diamond and Harmony Star. About 70 yards from the post, Harmony Star overhauled Sydney Diamond, these two then indulging in a spirited contest, which the former just won by a short head. Surprise Again (Mr. Chattey) was third, another three lengths behind. In this race, Mr. Li was thrown, Beauford obviously not being an easy pony to handle.

### A Disappointment

The many punters who backed Jober (Mr. Chao) were disappointed as it ran unplaced. Mr. Chao got his mount off to a good start, but set too fast a pace and the pony faded out at the Village bend, being passed by Eve of Folly (Mr. Wood), Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven) and King Kong (Mr. Wei).

In the straight Eve of Folly had a commanding lead, which it maintained to the end; Hopeful Star was second, three lengths away. For third place Expansion Time (Mr. Black) did very well to dead-heat with King Kong.

There was another shock in the next race, the Beas River Puddocks Handicap, which was the main event of the afternoon over the Derby distance. Australian Diamond, cleverly ridden by Mr. Chang, turned the tables on its



Swallow (Mr. Yuen), National Victory (Mr. Chang) and Odin (Mr. Tu). At the half-mile post the same position was maintained, but when the Rock was passed Spring Shine (Mr. R. K. C. Chu) which had been lying fifth, spurted up to take the lead; this was short-lived, however, as Dashing Beauty still had plenty in reserve and on Mr. Chao urging the pony on, it responded gamely, passed Spring Shine, and went on to win by three lengths, with Odin a short head behind and Spring Shine third.

There were 26 tickets on Dashing Beauty in the "Daily Double", and each received \$440.60.

The Moreton Bay Stakes (Second Section) was another sprint event but was far from exciting. Ratio Decidendi (Mr. Black) had the public's confidence, which it capably upheld. There is really little to say as regards the race itself as Ratio Decidendi took command immediately the gate went up and romped home an easy winner.

Riverside, ridden by Mr. Wei, secured second place and Dignitas (Mr. Tang) did very well to take third place.

### Favourite Comes Up

The Great Bight Stakes (Second Section) was another race in which the favourite did not disappoint, Graceful View (Mr. Pih) coming out trumps. Willow (Mr. Trevor) kept the lead until the football stands, where Archibet (Mr. Gregory) overhauled it. Graceful View was then lying third. On reaching the last quarter Mr. Pih sent Graceful View out in front, and, although hotly challenged by Roofly (Mr. Hearne), it kept just in front all the time.

The final race of the day, the Wallsend Handicap (Second Section) over the mile for "C" Class Australian ponies, gave Mr. Pan his second win, this being another disaster for punters. Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven) was a disappointment, but bear this pony in mind for a later meeting—it will win a race before the Summer recess or I shall be surprised. It was certainly a difficult task to spot the winner. However, had it not been for Twinkling Star's lapse on passing the half-mile post there would have been a different story to tell.

### Experts Confounded

Bendigo was not conceded much of a chance of winning, according to the betting figures, but it confounded the experts! Jumping out into the lead, Twinkling Star kept in front right up to the half-mile post, when it dropped right back. Meanwhile Anzac Day, ridden by Mr. Hearne, took the lead on coming into the Home Straight, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) on the outside. Bendigo on the rails and Maple Star (Mr. Tao) two lengths behind, challenging strongly. At the distance post Mr. Pan applied the whip to Bendigo, and the pony responding magnificently, the race was over. A short distance from the post, Mr. Pih appeared sure of second place, but Twinkling Star came up on the outside, and these two were neck and neck over the remaining distance. Amid great excitement Twinkling Star got the better of the argument.

In this race Corvette, with Mr. Trevor, up, sustained a badly broken shoulder blade as the result of a fall, and the pony was later destroyed. Mr. Trevor was very lucky in getting off without a scratch.



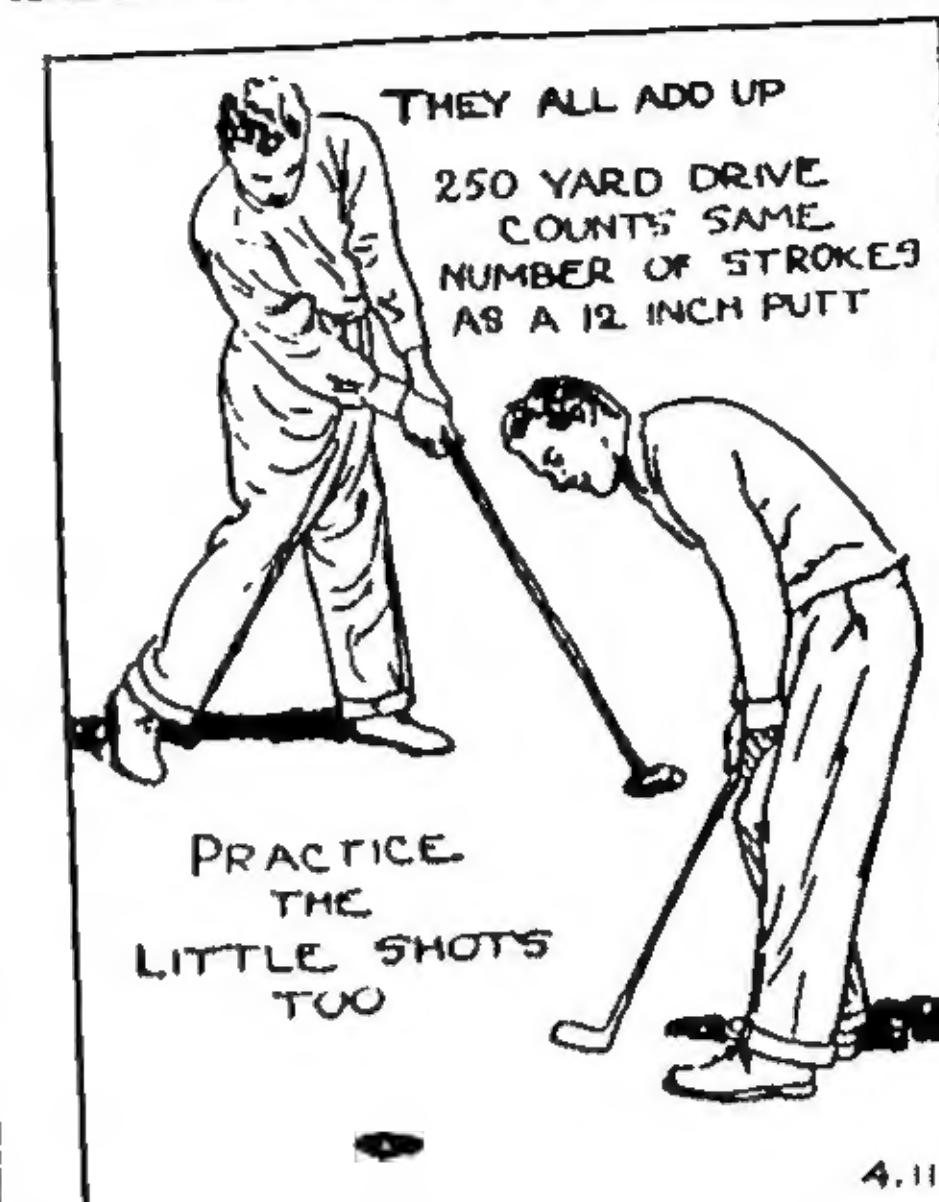
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Putting is approximately half the game of golf yet how many players devote half of their practice time to this phase of the sport. There is no mystery to good putting, most of it is hard, conscientious practice.

Next Article:—Raising The Ball.

### SUMMER GOLF COMPETITIONS

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Happy Valley, Summer Foursome competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

**First Round:**—J. Gellatly (18) and N. J. Bebbington (12) v. A. J. MacFadyen (18) and A. W. Muir (14); J. E. Dovey (16) and I. B. Trevor (17) v. A. L. Powell (18) and W. J. Butler (11); A. D. Humphreys (9) and L. M. S. Lloyd (12) v. R. Forrest (3) and J. W. Anderson (10); F. J. de Rome (8) and G. W. Reeve (11) v. H. H. Mundy (9) and W. Stoker (12); A. K. Mackenzie (6) and Col. Matthews (12) v. J. M. Thomson (9) and N. J. Booker (13); A. J. Dennis (6) and W. S. Hillier (7) v. J. Linaker (12) and G. W. Sewell (11).

**Byes into Second Round:**—R. Young (6) and G. M. Park (4); W. A. Stewart (9) and T. Low (10) v. H. Smith (8) and E. Greenwood (18); T. B. Low (11) and R. K. Collings (6) v. A. H. Penn (12) and J. R. Colls (13); A. C. I. Bowker (7) and W. F. Simmons (18) v. G. E. Willerton (12) and T. J. Price (9); L. F. C. Belamy (15) and A. V. Greaves (11) v. F. C. Barry (9) and W. V. Aherne (9); and C. E. Moore (14) and J. H. B. Lee (11).

The Army Swimming team will be selected from the following:

Sig. Hunt (Signals), Sig. Hodges (Signals), Sig. Bennett (Signals), L/Cpl. S'ater (Royal Scots), Bandmaster Jordon (Royal Scots), Pte. McHugh (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl. Quirkenden (Middlesex).

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### APPRECIATION OF MR. EU

#### By "Rapier"

Racing enthusiasts throughout the Colony must have been shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose demise on Sunday came in the nature of a great surprise.

He attended the meeting held on Saturday, and there was certainly no indication forthcoming then that he was so soon to pass on.

For the last five years the late Mr. Eu was keenly interested in local racing, and the large string of ponies which he maintained gave him some prominent successes, the most notable of which was the winning of the Hong Kong Derby in 1939.

His passing will leave a gap in local racing, and I am sure all followers of the turf will join me in expressing heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

### "Y" SWIMMING GALA TO-NIGHT

European Y.M.C.A. will open their Swimming gala season to-night at 9 p.m. with a programme of eight events, including a 200 Yards free-style relay, in which the Lai Tsun Swimming Union, the Army and the European Y.M.C.A. will compete.

A water-polo match between the Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex senior teams will bring the gala to a conclusion. The entries are as follows:

**Men's 50 Yards Aggregate Handicap:**—E. W. Ralton, G. Saunders, F. Willis, H. G. Ramage, A. McQueen, E. F. Paul, W. S. Gegg, M. J. Gunning, R. Smith and G. Davidson.

**220 Yards Free-style Handicap:**—G. Davidson, E. W. Ralton, M. J. Gunning, L. A. Benn, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, H. G. Ramage, D. Hutchinson and N. D. Booker.

**100 Yards Back-stroke Handicap:**—F. Willis, B. S. Wilson, G. Saunders and P. Manson.

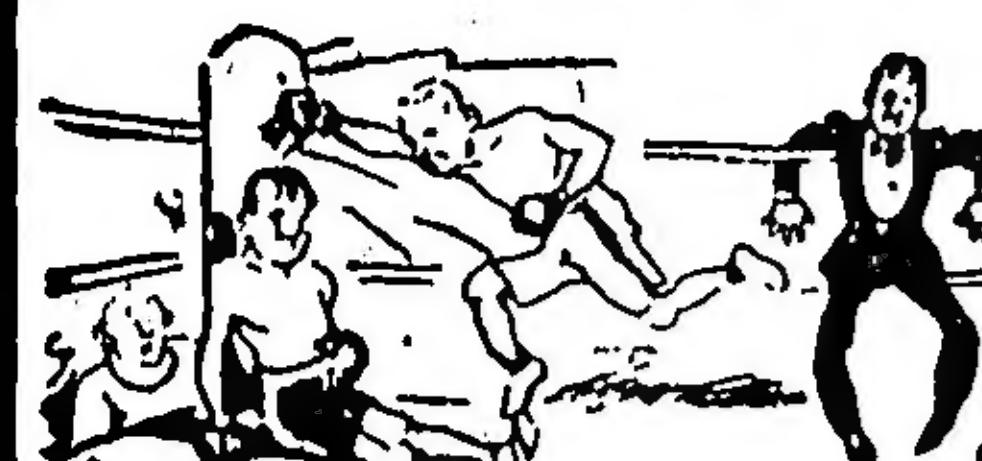
**75 Yards Individual Medley:**—W. B. Ure, F. Willis, T. Baker, W. S. Gegg, N. D. Booker, D. S. Wilson, E. A. Roberts and A. F. May.

**200 Yards Free-style Invitation Relay:**—Lai Tsun Swimming Union, The Army and European Y.M.C.A.

**Water-polo:**—European Y.M.C.A. (to be selected from H. C. Eardley; F. Willis, L. A. Benn, E. W. Ralton, A. F. May, E. F. Paul, G. Thompson and R. Goldman); v. Middlesex Regt. (Goodall; A. H. Hymas and Quirkenden; W. B. Ure; Bondon, Burdge and Jennings), Referee, Cpl. G. Bedford (Sgtm's).

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## JOE LOUIS TO MEET CONN

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will defend his title June 18 at the Polo Grounds against Billy Conn, world light-heavyweight champion campaigning in the heavyweight ranks, Mike Jacobs, leading promoter, announced recently in New York.

Jacobs indicated that should Buddy Baer, brother of Max, former world champion, beat Louis in their bout on May 22, Buddy would oppose Conn on June 18.

Abe Simon, youthful Jewish battler, will probably get a title crack at Louis, if the negro is still world champion, in July and Lou Nova, husky Californian, would meet the titleholder in September.

Simon, last month, went 13 rounds against Louis before losing on a technical knockout. The excellent and surprising display put up by Simon resulted in a promise by Jacobs that he would get a return bout.

Nova, known as the "Hard Luck Kid" because of numerous illnesses, recently revealed top fight ability when he crushed former champion Max Baer.

## JACK HOBBS FINED

"We will have to make the score a double figure," said Mr. E. Tram, chairman of the Wimbleton bench, recently, imposing a fine of 20s on Jack Hobbs, the cricketer, for showing a fight in the black-out at his flat at Woodside House, Wimbleton.

Mr. Hobbs explained that his son, who had just returned from duty overseas, was spending the evening at the flat with his wife. In putting their child to bed near the window in a small room they displaced the black-out curtain.

## BASEBALL

# 2 Baseball Games In Blistering Heat

## Easy Wins For Tulsa And H.B.

By "Grandstand"

Baseballers had the first real taste this year of Old Man Sol's merciless blistering rays in two pre-season friendlies over the week-end, in which the U. S. S. Tulsa squad ran over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa nine 12-4 on Saturday, and the Hong Kong Brewers severely trounced Royal Engineers by 10-1 on Sunday.

In the Tulsa Chung Hwa scuffle, the winners used two mound men, MacClanahan toiling on the slab for three frames, during which time he fanned four and walked seven, and only doled out one single, whilst burly Strickland whiffed one and passed four in the remaining three stanzas.

Losing pitcher Al Lau conceded 13 blows, being then relieved by Bill Chang in the sixth. Lau issued four free tickets to first and accounted for two Tulsamen via the strikeout route.

### Shirtless Maxie!

Shirtless Maxie Maxwell, lead-off batter, for the blue-jackets, worked Lau for a pass and scored on Simmons' fielder's choice to chalk up the first marker for the sailors, whilst Peterson's rasping double to right pushed Simmons over the rubber for a two-run start, Chung Hwa being retired in their half of the inning in one-two-three order without reaching first base.

Combining slabster Lau for four catfights in the second stanza, the Tulsamen spiked the rubber three times to increase the lead, at which Lau dented the payoff station on Grandpa Leung's slashing single through short.

Six Annie Oakleys on three wild pitches in the third by MacClanahan saw two more Chung Hwa fallies cross the pan, whilst Strickland pitched one into the dirt in the fourth for another Chung Hwa marker, for the Leungmen to trail behind 4-6.

Swinging at Lau's first offering in the fifth, Maxie Maxwell connected for a four-master and, taking advantage of Lau's crack-up, Simmons poled one out to deep centre for another round-tripper. Another cluster of four runs in the sixth on four bunched up hits cinched the game for the Tulsamen.

### Grandpop Takes Honours

Grandpa Leung took batting honours with a perfect hitting performance in his two trips to the plate, connecting for two of his team's three blows, whilst both Tulsamen Simmons and Richardson were good for a three in five performance, the former including a homer and a double in his three blows.

Blanking the Hong Kong Brewers in the first frame, Royal Engineers cracked up under the pressure and were trounced 10-1 in an erratic display. The Sappers' first and only tally came in the fourth whilst the Brewers produced clusters of three runs each in the third and fourth frames in a free-scoring spree.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard pitched for the winners, whilst Lefty Sarsfield was the losing chucker.

## WAR CUP FINAL REPLAY

The football War Cup Final replay date has been changed from May 21 to May 31, on Blackburn Rovers' ground.

The alteration is due to an earlier date having been fixed for the semi-finals of the Inter-Allied Services Cup, for which the Civil Defence Air Force and the Army survive, and there would otherwise be team difficulties.

Arsenal are known to have been worrying as eight of their Cup players are either airmen or soldiers and others in the civil defence and it would have meant a reserve team against Preston, if the Service Cup obligations are kept.—Reuter.

## PONY CLASSIFICATIONS

Alterations and additions to Classification lists, dated March 23, 1941, are as follows:

### AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Brown Derby to "B" Class; Dashing Beauty, Graceful View, Ratio Decidendi to "C"; Australian Prince, Double Dutch, Harmony Star, Sydney Diamond to "D"; Archber, Arnieber, Blue Gown, Boneshaker, Luxury, Ophir, Ponconos, Sports Lady, War Tax to "E".

### CHINA PONIES

Jane Doe, Just in Time, Oscar Zylch, Rose Evelyn to "D".

## POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

The Gymkhana of the Hong Kong Polo Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund has been postponed to Saturday, May 24. Entries for the "Show Jumping Competition" will be accepted up to noon on Saturday, May 17.



## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:

### CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division "A" (v P.R.C., Home)

J. Lau, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip)

L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip)

F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Lau (Skip)

First Division "B" (v C.S.C.C., Away)

C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip)

F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, Eddie Soares and B. Basto (Skip)

C. Vaz, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip)

### Second Division (v P.O.C., Home)

E. L. Barros, N. Beltrao, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip)

A. J. Osmond, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip)

A. F. Noronha, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes and J. A. Remedios (Skip)

### Third Division (v H.K.F.C., Away)

A. A. Roza, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip)

Pat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho (Skip)

L. A. Rozario, B. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip)

## ARMY TENNIS

Two "B" Division Army Tennis League matches were decided at Sookunpoong yesterday, when the Royal Army Medical Corps "B" and Royal Scots scored wins over Royal Engineers "C" and Middlesex, respectively.

Following were the detailed scores:

R.E. "C" v. R.A.M.C. "B"  
Spence and Peiham (R.E.) beat Shorthouse and Parkin, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

Kehoe and Hawkins (R.E.) lost to Curran and Dunne, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.

Grant and Moxham (R.E.) lost to Langley and Gunson, 6-8, 6-4, 7-9.

R.S. v. Middlesex  
Sgt. Alsey and L/Cpl. Glassgow (R.S.) beat Pte. McIvor and Pte. Sheehan, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.  
L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Dibble (R.S.) beat R.S.M. Challis and L/Sgt. Bull, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.  
Cpl. Ooton and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.) beat Lieut. Wood and L/Sgt. Bond, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

## CHESS RESULTS

In the Colony Junior Chess championship last night, Un Kwai-yung beat J. Tausz. Earlier in the week, R. C. Gardner defeated E. M. Petrove.

In the Junior Club championship, A. C. Poupard beat J. Greifalda in the first of a series of three games in the play-off.

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# ATTEMPT TO "TARANTO" BRITISH BATTLE FLEET

Eye-Witness Account Of Dramatic Night Action

## Spectacular Barrage Put Up

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Barham)

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No damage was sustained by any British ship in this engagement, which was briefly reported in an Admiralty communique on Saturday.

The encounter produced the heaviest and most spectacular night barrage I have yet seen, with firing continuing almost ceaselessly for 45 minutes against the enemy's torpedo-bombers.

The full moon was some 20 degrees above horizon when our cruisers, escorting a convoy, were seen to open fire a few miles distant on our starboard quarter whereupon our heavy units blazed forth with all their armament from 6-inches downwards.

In the meantime a strong screen of destroyers flung up an umbrella barrage, protecting the Battle Fleet from a possible high-level bombing attack. WHEN THE BATTLE FLEET OPENED FIRE, THE RAIDERS APPARENTLY ABANDONED THE CONVOY AND, SPLITTING INTO GROUPS, ATTACKED THE FLEET FROM ALL ANGLES.

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### Firework Display

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Each battleship seemed to be aflame from end to end, like a giant sea piece in a gargantuan firework display.

The entire ship shuddered as shells whistled away into the distance. Shouted orders were drowned by the indescribable violence of the barrage.

In the meantime the sea, illuminated by the blaze of guns, became periodically a mass of small and large waterspouts as splinters from the destroyers' protective barrage fell around us. LULLS WERE BROKEN BY THE CLATTER OF THOUSANDS OF EMPTY SHELL CASES BEING SWEPT ASIDE BEFORE THE NEXT BARRAGE.

### Wet Fog

No torpedoes came near us though the last ship of the line was seen to take avoiding action during the early part of the attack.

Darkness prevented ascertaining the results of the barrage, and at the cease fire a thick, wet fog suddenly descended. We suffered no casualties or damage.

The engagement occurred during seven days of routine operations in the central Mediterranean, during which convoys were successfully made in various directions, light forces bombarded Benghazi harbour and the Fleet Air Arm shot down seven enemy aircraft in various minor attempts by the Axis aviation against our ships.

All pay tribute to the untiring, magnificent work of the Fleet Air Arm in driving off formations while still several miles distant from the Fleet.—Reuter.

### MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

It is announced that the Department of His Majesty's Government known as the Ministry of Shipping has been re-designated, as from May 10, 1941, the Ministry of War Transport and that the Office of the Representatives in Hong Kong has been renamed accordingly. The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mr. W. H. Lock are the local representatives of the Ministry of War Transport.

### NEW TAXES UNDER DISCUSSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, secretly conferred at his house with Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives on the \$3,500,000,000 tax programme, hoping to iron out differences. International News Service.

## MR. GAUSS' DENIAL

MR. CLARENCE GAUSS, NEWLY-APPOINTED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI THIS MORNING ON BOARD THE "PRESIDENT GARFIELD" EN ROUTE TO CHUNGKING.

Beyond denying a statement attributed to him by Japanese newsmen, that military and Government officials of the Philippines, Australia, the N.E.I. and Chungking were to meet at Singapore soon for an important conference, Mr. Gauss refused to talk.

Arriving by the same liner was Col. Howard, new commander of the U.S. Marines in Shanghai.—Reuter.

## 2,000,000 TONS FOR SHIPPING POOL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The U.S. Maritime Commission has asked American inter-coastal shipping lines to give up 2,000,000 tons towards the pool to aid Britain. — International News Service.

quer told the Commons yesterday that the new arrangements would be made retrospective to the beginning of the war.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Mr. James Dowie Bickerstaff, 36 years of age, was found shot in his quarters this afternoon.

He attended office, Public Works Department, this morning and returned to his quarters, 182, Prince Edward Road, after 1 p.m. Later a shot rang out and Mr. Bickerstaff was found dead by the servants.

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